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Book Chapter	Author(s) of chapter	Year of Publication	'Chapter Title' (No <i>Italics</i>) precedes Book title (In <i>Italics</i>) in author of book	Edition and Name of Publisher, page numbers.	Laffan, B. (1999) 'The European Union and Ireland', in N. Collins <i>Political issues in Ireland today</i> . 2nd edn. Manchester University Press, pp. 89-105.
Journal Article	Author(s)	Year of Publication	'Title of the Article',	Name of Journal [in <i>italics</i>], Volume and (Issue Number) of Journal, followed by page number	Amato, M. and Rurali, R. (2016) 'Surface physics of semiconducting nanowires', <i>Progress in Surface Science</i> , 91(1), pp. 1-28.
Official Publication/ Government Publication	Responsible Agency	Year of Publication	Title of Report or Document in <i>Italics</i> .	Number followed by Publisher	Environmental Protection Agency (2002) <i>Climate change indicators for Ireland</i> . Environmental Protection Agency.
Conference Proceeding	Author/ Editor	Year of Publication	Title of conference: Subtitle [in <i>italics</i>].	Conference location, date of Conference. publisher	British Hydromechanics Research Association (1976) <i>Proceedings of the second national symposium on the aerodynamics and ventilation of vehicle tunnels</i> . Cambridge, 23-25 March. British Hydromechanics Research Association.
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E-Book (if different in form to print)	Author(s) or Editor	Year of Publication	<i>Title of book [in italics]</i> .	Available at: DOI or URL (Date of Access).	MacGillivray, C. (2005) <i>3D for the web: Interactive 3D animation using 3dx max, flash and director</i> . Available at: http://www.ebookcentral.com (Accessed: 16 April 2016).
Webpage	Author(s) or Agency	Year of Publication	Title [in <i>italics</i>]	Available at: URL (Date of Access).	Health and Safety Authority (2016) <i>Workplace Transport</i> . Available at: http://www.hsa.ie/eng/Vehicles_at_Work/Workplace_Transport_Safety/ [Accessed: 24 May 2016].
Journal Article from Online Database or other online source	Author(s)	Year of Publication	'Title of article',	<i>Title of Journal [in Italics]</i> Journal Volume (Journal Issue), page numbers, Available at: DOI or URL (Accessed: date).	Amato, M. and Rurali, R. (2016) 'Surface physics of semiconducting nanowires', <i>Progress in Surface Science</i> , 91(1), pp. 1-28. Available at: http://sciedir ect.com.mtu.idm.olc.org/science? ob (Accessed: 16 April 2016).
Social Networking Sites	Author	Year of Publication	'Title or description of Post' [platform] Day/month of post	Available at: URL (Accessed: Date).	MTU Libraries (2023) 'Exam tips' [Facebook] 18 May. Available at: https://www.facebook.com/MTUlibraries (Accessed: 28 May 2023).

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