Graduate student paper

The paper and essay answer, combined, will count 10% of the final course grade.

The following information concerns the paper you must write for the 5-hour courses. Points may deducted if any of the components are missing, completed incorrectly, or in inadequate in any way.

I. Format of paper
   A. Must be at least 2500 words. This is the body of the paper only. It must not include the title page, bibliography, images, or captions for images.
   B. Under the title of your paper, you will put the word count excluding the bibliography and other items listed in "A."
   C. Double-spaced with 1 inch margins.
   D. Must have a bibliography page that matches citations.
   E. Body of the paper must be properly cited. Failure to cite the body of the paper may result in several points being lost.
   F. Font size must 10-12
   G. Be careful not to plagiarize. A grade of an F may be given for plagiarism.
   H. It is suggested that you do not include images (images, charts, graphs, etc). If the images will *greatly* add to the understanding of the topic and you are willing to answer questions about the images, you may use 1-3 images in your paper.
II. Content
   A. The major issue in evaluation will be the degree to which the presentation reflects an understanding of biology. This is a master's level course, and thus an understanding greater than the undergraduate level will be expected.
   B. It is not acceptable to present a list of symptoms and treatments for some disease. You are expected to talk about the science of your topic. It is not enough to say a disease is an autoimmune disease. Explaining how the components of the immune system interact with the cells and tissues at issue is what counts.
   C. Please do not write about the history of your topic.
III. Other
   A. You must turn in a soft copy (email it to me) and a hard copy.
   B. When sending the paper through email, send it in ONE MS Word file. Do NOT send the body in one file and the title page in another. Points will be deducted if the paper is sent in more than one file.
IV. Questions
   A. The majority of your points will come from your ability to answer questions about your paper (from memory). This will be done on the dead day between the last day of classes and the first day of exams.
   B. You will be expected to answer 1-3 questions from your paper from memory.

C. You answers must reflect the depth of the material in your paper. Answers should be detailed and complete. Inadequate answers will result in points being lost.

V. Due date -- Paper must be turned in by the due date in order to receive full credit. You will lose points if it is turned in late.