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2023-2024 Essay Contest Scoring Rubric

Candidate Number: _____ Judge Name: _____ Date: _____

Points	Response to Topic	Grammar and Organization	Evidence and Development	Quality and Clarity of Argument	Points awarded
5 Very Strong	Addresses the topic clearly and responds to all aspects of the question.	No or very few grammar mistakes. Organized in a way that is clear and concise.	Argument is supported by a wide variety of relevant examples and each is properly explained and supported.	The argument is very clearly conveyed to the reader in all aspects. Quality of the argument is strong. (<i>Note: Quality includes word choice, clear thesis, and smooth transitions.</i>)	__ /5
4 Strong	Addresses the topic clearly, but responds to only some aspects of the question	Some grammar mistakes and/or mildly disorganized structure.	Argument is supported sufficiently, but missing <i>minor</i> nuances that could cause some confusion or miscommunication.	The argument is clearly conveyed to the reader in all aspects. Quality of the argument is strong.	__ /5
3 Okay	Neglects significant aspects of the question.	Either many grammatical errors or a very disorganized structure.	Argumentation is supported by an insufficient amount of examples and/or they are not properly supported.	The argument lacks clarity. The quality is lacking in a way that affects how the argument is conveyed.	__ /5
2 Weak	Does not answer the given question and indicates confusion on the purpose of the task.	Both have many grammatical errors and a very disorganized structure.	Insufficient amount of examples and little explanation of each.	Missing clarity in almost all aspects of the essay. The quality is severely lacking in a way that affects how the argument is conveyed.	__ /5
1 Very Weak	Does not address the topic at all.	Is completely unfocused, illogical, incoherent, and/or disorganized	No examples or evidence to back up the argument.	Very poor quality and clarity.	__ /5



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I, _____ (your name) hereby declare that I have diligently and impartially evaluated the essay assigned to me. I confirm that I have carried out this evaluation with the utmost honesty, integrity, and adherence to the established criteria and guidelines provided by the organizers.

Signature _____ Date: _____

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