

## Scoring Guide for SAC (Structured Academic Controversy)<sup>1</sup>

### Level 4

- Effectively stated your ideas orally – using original words (unless quoting)
- Was able to accurately synthesize and summarize texts
- Listened critically and responded meaningfully to the speaker (with respectful comments and clarifying questions). Accurately summed up the main points of the opposing side
- Demonstrated a deep understanding of two conflicting viewpoints
- Recognized points of commonality or compromise in closing discussion
- Facts consistently supported your conclusions

### Level 3

- Stated your ideas orally – using original words (unless quoting)
- Was able to summarize and synthesize the main ideas in texts
- Listened well and was able to sum up the main arguments of the opposing side
- Demonstrated an understanding of two conflicting viewpoints
- Recognized points of commonality or compromise in closing discussion
- Facts usually supported your conclusions

### Level 2

- Stated your ideas orally – usually in your own words
- Was able to sum up most main ideas in texts
- Attempted to listen critically and was able to sum up some of the arguments of the opposing side
- Partial understanding of two conflicting viewpoints
- Recognized points of commonality or compromise in closing discussion
- Facts sometimes supported your conclusions

### Level 1

- Stated your ideas orally –sometimes in your own words
- Was not able to sum up the main ideas in texts
- After listening to the opposing side, was unable to sum up their main arguments
- Did not demonstrate understanding of two conflicting viewpoints
- Did not comment on points of commonality or compromise in closing discussion
- Did not use facts to support your conclusions

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Wendy Ewbank, 2007