

Analytic Scoring Guide for Essays

Quality of Ideas (_____ points)

Range and depth of argument; logic of argument;; quality of research or original thought; appropriate sense of complexity of the topic; appropriate awareness of opposing views.

Organization and Development (_____ points)

Effective title; clarity of thesis statement; logical and clear arrangement of ideas; effective use of transitions; unity and coherence or paragraphs, good development of ideas through supporting details and evidence.

Clarity and Style (_____ points)

Ease of readability; appropriate voice, tone and style for assignment; clarity of sentence structure; gracefulness of sentence structure; appropriate variety and maturity of sentence structure.

Sentence Structure and Mechanics (_____ points)

Grammatically correct sentences; absence of comma splices, run-one, fragments; absence of usage and grammatical errors; accurate spelling; careful proofreading; attractive and appropriate manuscript form.

(Bean, *Engaging Ideas* 258-259)