

	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
Completeness of Answer	Clearly and fully answers all parts of the essay question	Provides some discussion of all topics addressed in the essay question.	Effectively addresses some parts of the essay question, but does not address all topics.	Does not effectively address any of the components of the question.
Accuracy of Information Provided	All information provided is unambiguously accurate and on-topic.	Minor error in understanding indicated or information is so general that accuracy cannot be effectively judged.	One major error in content/information provided.	More than one major error in content/information provided.
Discussion of Supporting Research	Clear discussion of relevant empirical research & theoretical interpretation of research.	Clear discussion of relevant empirical research provided, but no clear discussion of theory.	Incomplete discussion of relevant empirical research results.	No relevant empirical research discussed.
Writing Style and Writing Mechanics	Writing is well organized, clear, concrete, and concise. No vague language used.	No vague language, but some problems in grammar, organization, or clarity.	Vague language, poorly worded sentences, or lack of clarity make reading the essay more difficult.	Many examples of vague language, grammar problems, or lack of clarity impedes judgment of writer's understanding of material.

Overall score

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