Grade	Writing Mechanics	Presentation of Ideas	Form Analysis	Harmonic Analysis
A (90–100%)	Flawless SWE; understands scholarly style*; engaging pacing	Presents key concepts clearly; original insight conveyed	Identifies all formal labels according to lecture slides	Identifies all 1st level chords; interprets 2nd level function conclusively
B (80–89%)	Flawless SWE; scholarly style misunderstood	Conveys information clearly; little or no original insight	Identifies most formal labels according lecture slides	Identifies most 1st level sonorities; misinterprets 2nd level
C (70–79%)	SWE suffers twice per page; no scholarly style present; pacing confused	Misgiven on some key concepts	Engages few formal labels; cadences incorrect	Accurately identifies some 1st level harmonies
D (60-69%)	SWE suffers three to five times per page	Misunderstands the concepts	Most formal labels missing or incorrect; cadences missing	Harmonic analysis is sparse
F (59)%	SWE suffers more than five times per page	Does not understand the concepts	formal is wholly missing or incorrect; cadences missing	Harmonic analysis is nonexistent