

Scoring Sheet for Writing Assessment
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Note – the order of these elements is not significant.

1. **Content of argument: Clear, complex, original, follows assignment**, including knowledge of material; conceptual sophistication and engagement with topic; ability to recognize multiple perspectives; thoughtfulness; original ideas; correct number of pages.

More than satisfactory _____ Satisfactory _____ Unacceptable _____

2. The text "flows" well. Flow includes (a) organization (clear, well-developed hypotheses; clear topic sentences; good transition between ideas; all sections of paper tie together) and (b) tone (language is professionally appropriate; word choice is accurate; text demonstrates appropriate voice for writing task).

More than satisfactory _____ Satisfactory _____ Unacceptable _____

3. **Structure of Argument: Well-organized, clear, well-developed**, including thesis statement in one of the first two paragraphs, clear topic sentences, and logical "flow," with good transition between and among ideas. Related points support thesis; and applicable, logically presented, specific evidence is applied.

More than satisfactory _____ Satisfactory _____ Unacceptable _____

4. **Documentation and Citation: Sufficient and consistent**, including one style of citation used adequately and correctly throughout the paper; adequate number of sources referenced; paraphrases and quotations used appropriately and fully cited.

More than satisfactory _____ Satisfactory _____ Unacceptable _____

5. **Mechanics: word choice, syntax, grammar, spelling, and punctuation**, avoidance of passive voice, vague pronouns, etc; well-formed sentences; evidence of proofreading for correct grammar, spelling, punctuation. Correct format.

More than satisfactory_____ Satisfactory_____ Unacceptable_____

6. **Style and Tone: tone appropriate for audience and consistent**, avoidance of first person, contractions, slang.

More than satisfactory_____ Satisfactory_____ Unacceptable_____

Overall, this paper is:

More than satisfactory_____ Satisfactory_____ Unacceptable_____

Comments?