



U.S. Academic Decathlon

Essay Evaluation Form

STUDENT I.D. NUMBER

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IMPORTANT



JUDGE'S NAME _____

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Directions: Select one performance category in Table A. Within the range of points for that category, record the points scored in the space provided.

A. Focus/Scope - Organization - Content/Development

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| Addresses the prompt in an outstanding manner; responds to all aspects of the task; is organized clearly and consistently based on a strong central purpose; provides substantial and specific evidence to support major positions | OUTSTANDING 85 - 100 pts |
| Addresses the prompt in an effective manner; responds to several aspects of the task; is organized effectively based on a clear central purpose; provides appropriate evidence to support positions | EXCELLENT 70 - 84 pts |
| Addresses the prompt in an adequate manner; focuses on a minor aspect of the task; is organized based on a restatement of the prompt; provides some predictable evidence to support positions | GOOD 55 - 69 pts |
| Addresses the prompt in a basic manner; is organized in a limited way; provides evidence that is general or not clearly linked to a position | FAIR 40 - 54 pts |
| Addresses the prompt in a limited manner; is organized in a confused way; provides superficial evidence with inadequate elaboration | WEAK 15 - 39 pts |
| Fails to address the prompt; absence of organization; absence of relevant content | POOR 0 - 14 pts |

| TOTAL FOR A | | |
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Total for A

Directions: Select one performance category in Table B. Within the range of points for that category, record the points scored in the space provided.

B. Language/Style - Conventions

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| Demonstrates exceptional control of sentence structure and precise word choice; is almost entirely free of errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics | OUTSTANDING 85 - 100 pts |
| Demonstrates strong control of sentence structure and appropriate word choice; is generally free of errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics | EXCELLENT 70 - 84 pts |
| Demonstrates reasonable control of sentence structure and some precision in word choice; contains confusing errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics | GOOD 55 - 69 pts |
| Demonstrates some lack of control of sentence structure; limited in word choice; minimal control of grammar, usage, and mechanics | FAIR 40 - 54 pts |
| Demonstrates some lack of control of sentence structure; minimal variety in word choice; minimal control of grammar, usage, and mechanics | WEAK 15 - 39 pts |
| Minimal control of sentence structure; inappropriate word choice; contains serious errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics | POOR 0 - 14 pts |

| TOTAL FOR B | | |
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Total for B

Off Prompt (OP) (OP) = Zero Score
Prompt is not addressed

Nonscorable (NS) (NS) = Zero Score
Essay is: *illegible, insufficient, a blank paper*