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| Task Completion | 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Response addresses the prompt-specific topic and fulfills all of the task requirements. ▶ Integrates at least one provided source in the response. |
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| | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Response is in the general topic area and fulfills all of the task requirements. ▶ Includes at least one provided source in the response. |
| | 2 | * |
| | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Response is in the general topic area but does not fulfill all of the task requirements. ▶ Does not include a provided source in the response. |

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| Development | 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ideas are extensively supported and developed. Response is a well thought out and convincing consideration of the topic. ▶ Clearly and logically organized. |
| | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ideas are well-supported and developed, and an in-depth consideration of the topic is provided. ▶ Clearly and logically organized. |
| | 3 | * |
| | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Support for ideas is given but may not be fully developed. Attempts to provide in-depth consideration of the topic. ▶ Not clearly or logically organized. |
| | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ideas are not supported. Consideration of the topic is simplistic or generalized. ▶ Not clearly or logically organized. |

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| Language | 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Demonstrates flexibility and a high degree of control of both simple and complex syntactic structures. ▶ Uses precise, sophisticated vocabulary appropriate to the context. |
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| | 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Demonstrates control of simple and some complex syntactic structures. ▶ Uses simple and sometimes sophisticated vocabulary to adequately match the context. |
| | 4 | * |
| | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Demonstrates control of simple but not complex syntactic structures. ▶ Uses simple vocabulary; attempts to use sophisticated vocabulary may not fit naturally into the context and may cause confusion. |
| | 2 | * |
| | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Demonstrates inconsistent control of simple syntactic structures. ▶ Produces everyday vocabulary; most attempts at sophisticated vocabulary are not accurate or precise, mostly confusing to the reader. |

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| Authorial Voice | 3 | ▶ Content is highly original; response engages the reader. |
| | 2 | * |
| | 1 | ▶ Content is not original; response is not engaging for the reader. |

* Response shares features of adjacent levels.

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| No Score | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ No response is given. ▶ Response is completely illegible. ▶ Response is written on a different topic than those assigned. ▶ Response is written in test taker's L1. |
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