

HANDOUT #1: SAMPLE ESSAY EVALUATION SCANTRON FORM



U.S. Academic Decathlon

Essay Evaluation Form

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IMPORTANT

USE NO. 2 PENCIL ONLY

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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 [80 % of the score]

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

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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 [20 % of the score]

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

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

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