



U.S. ACADEMIC DECATHLON

ESSAY EVALUATION FORM

Student ID Number			
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
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Volunteer Number		
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Judge
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Student:	
Judge:	Room:

Marking Instructions

USE NO. 2 PENCIL ONLY

- Example 1 2 3 4 5
- Make **Dark and Complete** Marks
- **Erase Completely** to Change
- Make No Stray Marks

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

TOTAL FOR A		
1	0	0
	1	1
	2	2
	3	3
	4	4
	5	5
	6	6
	7	7
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	9	9

OUTSTANDING 85-100 pts	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.
EXCELLENT 70-84 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.
GOOD 55-69 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.
FAIR 40-54 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.
WEAK 15-39 pts	Addresses the prompt in a limited manner; is organized in a confused way; provides superficial evidence with inadequate elaboration.
POOR 0-14 pts	Fails to address the prompt; absence of organization; absence of relevant content.

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

TOTAL FOR B		
1	0	0
	1	1
	2	2
	3	3
	4	4
	5	5
	6	6
	7	7
	8	8
	9	9

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

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

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