

## Writing Prompt Scoring Guide

<p><b>4 Points</b></p> <p>The paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has an effective beginning, middle, and end.</li> <li>• Uses paragraphing appropriately.</li> <li>• Contains a strong controlling idea.</li> <li>• Progresses in a logical order.</li> <li>• Uses effective cohesive devices (such as transitions, repetition, parallel structure) between and/or within paragraphs.</li> <li>• Clearly addresses the topic and provides specific and relevant details/examples.</li> <li>• Uses precise and vivid language.</li> <li>• Contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.</li> <li>• Effectively uses writing techniques (such as imagery, humor, point of view, voice).</li> <li>• Clearly shows an awareness of audience and purpose.</li> <li>• Contains few errors in grammar/usage, punctuation, capitalization, and/or spelling.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2 Points</b></p> <p>The paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has evidence of a beginning, middle, and end.</li> <li>• Shows evidence of paragraphing.</li> <li>• Contains some sense of direction, but may lack focus.</li> <li>• May not progress in a logical order.</li> <li>• At times seems awkward and lacks cohesion.</li> <li>• Addresses the topic, but may contain some details that are not relevant.</li> <li>• May use imprecise language.</li> <li>• Contains sentences that are generally clear, but lack variety in structure.</li> <li>• May use writing techniques.</li> <li>• Shows some awareness of audience and purpose.</li> <li>• Contains errors in grammar/usage, punctuation, capitalization, and/or spelling that may be distracting to the reader.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3 Points</b></p> <p>The paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a beginning, middle, and end.</li> <li>• Uses paragraphing.</li> <li>• Contains a controlling idea.</li> <li>• Generally progresses in a logical order.</li> <li>• May use cohesive devices.</li> <li>• Addresses the topic and uses relevant details/examples.</li> <li>• Uses language that is usually precise.</li> <li>• Contains sentences that are clear and show some variety in structure.</li> <li>• Uses writing techniques.</li> <li>• Shows an awareness of audience and purpose.</li> <li>• May contain errors in grammar/usage, punctuation, capitalization, and/or spelling that are not distracting to the reader.</li> </ul>	<p><b>1 Point</b></p> <p>The paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May lack evidence of a beginning, middle, and/or end.</li> <li>• May lack evidence of paragraphing.</li> <li>• Is difficult to follow and lacks focus.</li> <li>• Does not progress in a logical order, and may digress to unrelated topics.</li> <li>• Is awkward and lacks cohesion.</li> <li>• May address the topic, but lacks details.</li> <li>• Uses imprecise language.</li> <li>• Contains sentences that are unclear and lack variety in structure.</li> <li>• Does not use writing techniques.</li> <li>• Shows little or no awareness of audience or purpose.</li> <li>• Contains repeated errors in grammar/usage, punctuation, capitalization and/or spelling that are distracting to the reader.</li> </ul>