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Definition of Holistic Scoring

The Written Prompt (WP) scoring rubric provides descriptions of standards an essay must meet to achieve a holistic score.

Holistic scoring is a method of evaluating a piece of writing as a whole. Unlike analytical scoring, where multiple categories such as mechanics and word choice each receive a score, criteria for holistic evaluation are considered in combination. The result is a single overall score.

Scoring Rubric

The WP holistic rubric is based on a five-point scoring scale (1–5). The criteria used for scoring are content, organization, word choice, grammar and sentence structure, and mechanics. When scoring, it is important to get an overall sense or impression of the essay to determine the score. The scorer should not dwell on any single characteristic of the essay. Scoring criteria are covered in detail in the online self-paced scorer training course, with numerous scoring practice opportunities.

Instructions to Learner/Client

- Write an essay about the assigned topic.
- You have one hour and 15 minutes to complete your essay. Your time begins as soon as you click the “BEGIN” button below. {Learners/Clients click to begin.}
- Clearly state your opinion and support it with specific details and examples.
- Your essay will be evaluated on how well you:
 - develop and support your ideas with specific details and examples
 - organize your essay using effective transitions between ideas and paragraphs
 - use a variety of word choice and richness of expression
 - demonstrate proper use of grammar, spelling and punctuation
 - You may use spell check. {Learners/Clients have access to instructions on how to use spell check within the application.} You may not use a dictionary or grammar checker.
- You may use scratch paper to write an outline or draft. The scratch paper will be provided by the test proctor. If you choose to use scratch paper, budget your time so that you can finish typing your essay on the computer before time is up. The scratch paper will be collected at the end for test security purposes.
- When you are ready to begin writing, click Begin. {Learners/Clients click to begin the diagnostic.}
- When you are finished, click Finish. {Learners/Clients click to end the diagnostic when they are finished.}

Prompts

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Exercise (Form 900)

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

Employment (Form 901)

What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?

Advertising (Form 902)

We are bombarded by product advertisements in our daily lives. Are you influenced by advertisements in your purchasing decisions? Why or why not?

Internet (Form 903)

The internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite? Why or why not?

Scientific Inventions (Form 904)

Choose one scientific invention (e.g. mobile phone, washing machine, automobile). What impact has it had on individuals, society, and/or the environment?

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Written Prompt Scoring Rubric

<p>5</p>	<p>HIGHLY EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO TASK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior essay with highly developed ideas and support skillfully presented with a strong introduction and conclusion; may contain a distinctive style. • Exceptional range and richness of word choice. • Varied and complex sentence structure. • Almost no errors in grammar and mechanics.
<p>4</p>	<p>EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO TASK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis or main idea is clearly stated and developed with relevant details and examples. • Ideas are well-organized and well-developed with effective transitions. • Word choice demonstrates variety and richness of expression. • May have few minor errors in grammar and mechanics, with variety and some complexity of sentence structure.
<p>3</p>	<p>ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO TASK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail, although some ideas may not be well-stated and may require minimal inference. • Generally cohesive with some effective transitions. • Few word choice errors and some variety and richness of expression. • Some minor errors in grammar and mechanics generally do not interfere with the reader's understanding. Some variety in sentence structure.
<p>2</p>	<p>WEAK RESPONSE TO TASK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains a thesis or main idea with little support, and may be unfocused or unclear. Many ideas may not be well-stated. Requires inference in most cases. • A basic organizational structure is evident with some sequencing of ideas. • There may be some errors in word choice with some variety of expression. • May contain distracting errors in grammar and mechanics that may interfere with the reader's understanding. Sentence structure may be simple.
<p>1</p>	<p>MINIMAL OR POOR RESPONSE TO TASK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal response to task, or writing lacks a thesis or main idea and may require a substantial degree of inference. • Cohesion is limited, but contains some related sentences. • Word choice errors may require the reader to infer meaning. • Serious errors in grammar or mechanics that may interfere with the reader's understanding.

Scoring Rubric Terminology

Minimal Response to Task

A “minimal response to task” is a short response where not enough is written considering the task and the length of time allowed to complete the task.

Thesis

A thesis is a sentence that clearly states the writer’s position or opinion. Many thesis statements begin with phrases such as, *In my opinion...*, *I think that...*, *I don’t agree that...*

Main Idea

A main idea is the overall meaning of a paragraph or section of text.

Cohesiveness

In a cohesive essay, sentences are logically related to one another. Pronoun/antecedent combinations, transition phrases such as *In contrast*, and determiners such as *this* or *these* are all cohesion devices.

In lower-scoring essays, this cohesiveness is often limited or missing.

For example, in some lower-scoring essays, some sentences may be related. Two or more sentences might continue an idea but may not be linked together.

Support / Details / Examples

Support is evidence offered as proof of the writer’s thesis.

For example, in an essay about finding a job, the writer states, *I believe reading is an essential skill...*

The writer supports this statement with the observation *If you cannot read it could be difficult to complete an application.*

As further support, the writer might discuss the concept of functional illiteracy or give an example such as the experience of a friend who couldn’t understand a job application.

Errors and Inference

Scorers should assume the role of an average reader.

An average reader is an employer or coworker, for example, who is unaccustomed to interacting with limited proficient writers, including limited English speakers. Another way to look at this is someone who is not a teacher and who has not had a lot of experience interpreting the writing of emerging writers.

Errors in an essay may be major or minor. A critical consideration of whether an error(s) is major or minor is whether the error requires the average reader to make an inference — that is, to assume the writer’s intended meaning. As a reader, if you find yourself saying, “It probably means this...” then you are inferring.

If an error makes inference necessary, it is considered major.

If the error does not make inference necessary, it is considered minor.

Word Choice

Word choice errors include circumlocutions, foreign words, and incorrectly used idiomatic phrases. As with other errors, a key issue is whether the word choice error interferes with understanding.

- Example of circumlocution: *lady who takes money for cashier*
- Example of a foreign word: *dinero* for *money*
- Example of idiomatic phrase: *put out with* for *put up with*

Richness and Variety of Expression

An essay with vocabulary beyond a basic level is considered to have variety of words which results in richness of expression. For example, a lower-scoring essay might use the words *work* or *job*. An essay with variety and richness of expression also employs more precise words such as, *responsibilities and requirements*.

The language in higher-scoring essays may be more vivid; in place of *nice day*, the more skilled writer may choose the words *warm, sunny morning*.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Sentences with "basic structure" contain little more than subject-verb-object. Sentences with "complex structure" include those with multiple clauses and those with participial phrases.

- Example of basic structure: *They don't eat good food.*
- Example of complex structure: *A company like Gurber [sic] that manufactures baby foods sells peace of mind. This sentence includes a relative clause.*

For grammar and sentence structure, as with word choice, consider whether the type and number of errors require a reader to make a substantial degree of inference.

- Example of a grammatically incorrect sentence that is comprehensible: *Than people that have health prolomes they need to see a doctor.*
- Example of a grammatically incorrect sentence that is incomprehensible because it requires substantial inference: *Because they get to many problem like in the house and they go to used drugs.*

Mechanics

Errors in mechanics include spelling, capitalization, punctuation and typos. Errors may be minor or they may interfere with understanding.

- Example of minor error: *proform* for *perform*, *there* for *their*
- Example of an error that interferes with understanding: *Understank* those work *bedoin* and closed with *collsage*

Ideas Not Well-Stated

There are several reasons why a sample can be considered to have ideas that are “not well-stated”, and they can be singular or in combination. Often they cause the reader to pause and reread: the flow of the narrative is frequently interrupted. There are often errors in word choice, grammar or mechanics that may or may not require inference. Even if a sentence is free of errors, it may contain an idea that is not well-stated because of errors in reasoning, or because it doesn’t make sense in the context of the essay. The writing may be very repetitive so that the idea does not unfold in a way that develops the idea. Here are some examples of “ideas not well-stated”:

- *I would like to think that I am very influenced by advertisements.*

The reader knows what is meant – the word “not” was mistakenly left out and the writer meant to state:

“I would like to think that I am not very influenced by advertisements.” The reader pauses but still understands.

- *Everyone is influenced by advertising. I am not influenced by advertising.*

Both statements are perfect English but are contradictory and the reader has to infer that the writer meant “Most people are influenced by advertising”.

- *To get a job people can go to computer classes to improve their computer skills. This can help people to get a job. Going to classes to improve computer skills is a good idea. Good computer skills are important. To get a good job you need computer skills. People who don’t have computer skills may not get a good job.*

The main idea does not require inference but it is repetitive and the six sentences do not actually develop the idea.

Because the written prompt is scored holistically, often that first impression of the difference between a 2 and a 3 has to do with how often one has to reread parts of the response. A sample that is scored a 3 generally has a few sentences or phrases that must be reread and inference may or may not be required. A sample that is scored a 2 often has many sections that must be reread and much of the time, inference is required.

Finally, consider the extent to which the “ideas not well-stated” have an overall effect on the essay. When scoring, it is important to consider all of the criteria in combination to result in an overall score based on a descriptive score point. One should not dwell on individual score criteria; instead, as you read, it is important to weigh the essay’s strengths and weaknesses as a whole in order to arrive at an overall assessment.

Guidelines for Scoring

Task

The task is to write an extended response generated by the essay topic.

Minimal response to task

An essay is a minimal or poor response to task when the response:

- is too short considering the task and length of time allowed to complete the task; and/or
- is written as a list of sentences.

Partial response to task

A partial response may address only one part of a two-part question, or it may address only one aspect of a topic when comment on several aspects is requested. Most of the prompts are two-part questions. Score 1 or 2 for partial responses. To receive a score of 3, an essay must adequately address all parts of the prompt.

An essay may address one part of a prompt in more detail than other parts, but as long as all parts are addressed in some way, a score of 3 may be considered. However, lack of cohesion or support, or distracting errors can still lower a score.

The writer may address the prompt from a somewhat different angle rather than responding to the question “verbatim”. Scorers should not be too strict. Instead, they should determine whether the stated thesis directly or indirectly answers the prompt question and then assess the overall sample. For example, a writer may write about “approaches” to getting and keeping a job rather than “skills” because the writer believes this is more important than skills. The writer may not directly state that he or she is not influenced by advertising but instead write about manipulation in advertising which assumes the reader will understand that the writer is negatively influenced by ads.

Word Choice

Errors in word choice include misused words, circumlocutions, idiom errors and use of non-English words. If it’s unclear whether or not a word or phrase is from another language, it is considered a misspelling.

An essay with vocabulary beyond a basic level is considered to have variety of words which results in richness of expression.

Example of Circumlocution: *the lady who take the money for the food instead of cashier*

Example of Idiom Error: *put out with* instead of *put up with*

Example of Richness and Variety of Expression

- *come to the realization*
- *lack of commitment*
- *incentive*
- *debilitating*

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Errors in grammar and sentence structure include run-ons, sentence fragments, and preposition errors.

A main consideration with errors in grammar and sentence structure is the extent to which they interfere with the reader's understanding.

Mechanics

Spelling, capitalization, punctuation and typos are considered under Mechanics. Homophones (e.g., there/their/they're) are considered under spelling. Score an essay as a 1 if there is no evidence of beginning-sentence capitalization, or if there is no evidence of end punctuation.

A main consideration with errors in mechanics is the extent to which they interfere with the reader's understanding.

Automatic Scores

Automatic Score of 1	Automatic Score of 1 or 2
<p>No evidence of beginning – sentence capitalization or;</p> <p>No evidence of end punctuation</p> <p>A list of sentences</p>	<p>Partial response to prompt</p>

Scoring Bias

Although there will always be a degree of subjectivity in scoring, if the rubric is used correctly and consistently, most biases should not interfere with scoring reliability. However, it is important that scorers recognize their biases (e.g., someone who particularly dislikes spelling errors, etc.) so that they can be aware of them when scoring. Also, if a scorer is consistently high (or low) compared to the other scorers on the team and/or compared to the CASAS consensus scores, then that scorer should adjust his/her scores accordingly.

Anchors

1a

Prompt: Advertising Form 902

We are bombarded by product advertisements in our daily lives. Are you influenced by advertisements in your purchasing decisions? Why or why not?

We are bombarded by products advertisements in our lives. Are you influences by advertisements in your purchasing decision? Why or why not?

We are bombarded by products advertisements in the real life. They are too many thins that you get in your life. Likes they are some the decision that you need to think about first before do it. He sees too many these in the TV that bombarded us everyday.

Some time I get to do thins but sometime I don't think about it so is hard to do it. To many people do thins that they not need to do it and people get bad. Some of the people the police need to be when they get mad or whatever reason needs to get arrested by the policeman.

Why people get bombarded by thins in the life I don't know but I now why they to it.

Because they get to many problem like in the house and they go to used drugs. So they used drugs to forget the problem they got and his house. The people that don't have bombarded are because they don't use any drugs so they don't have problems in his house.

1b

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

may be there are lack of time due to busy daily work ,or some people does not interested in any sports, now a day,most younster like to spent more time on their pc programme ,i think these are the main reason why many people do not exercise regularly. i sujuest ministry of health should advertise more on news paper or media broacasting to encoragement people to take part in regularly exercise. i belive education them is the most important role that they can do .

1c

Prompt: Employment Form 901

What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?

Skills I think are most important to get a job and stay employed are.

You must first know how to perform the job you want to get.

Need to have a good head on your shoulders.

You might need to have some type of job training.

I think a good skill to have is an open mind.

Some more important thing to getting a job and keeping it is on how you can do your job.

Can and will you be able to make the company money.

Will you be on time, can you get done all you have to get done in a day.

Are you able to work with other people. can other people work with you.

do you have good car to get to work.

But the most important thing is do you think you have the skills
to keep the job and stay employed.

Be able to perform those skills to do the job at hand.

There was some of the skills I think you have to get a job and be able to stay employed.

1d

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

The ways to get heathy,and why do people dont have good helth.

The reason peopl have bad health.They dont eat right,and donot exercise regularly.Than peopl that have health problomes they need to see a doctor.Than start geting the right sleep, and eat right and get a mamber ship at the gym.

I thack the way to get heathy,is to get the right sleep,and eat right.Than get a member ship at the gym,and go about 3 to 4 times a day.I thank it is a grat way of geting heathy so when you are older you will fell good.Than you will be able to do more thing you whant to do befor your last day on earth.That how I fill about being heathy.

2a

Prompt: Internet Form 903

The internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite? Why or why not?

In my opinion the internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. Some people had a job online and they made money at home. Other people can meet another people and talk to them in others countries. Young people prefer play in the computers. The internet is giving us an easy way to do many things, like put music in an ipod, do homework easy for estudents, find interesting information for all kind a people, but is bringing people closer together, or just the opposite?

Personal I use the computer every day. I talk to my friends and family in Mexico, the internet makes me feel closer to them even if I am far away to them. Sometimes using a web camera I can see other people and talk to them face to face feeling they closer, but in reality they are kilometers away. Also when one family member has a birthday or aniversary I can easily send them a mail giving my congratulations. In conclusion for me the internet make feel closer with the people is kilometers away.

Many people is using the internet every day doing their lifes very easy, but what about the people is adicted to the internet, like my husband, he can be in the computer days and he gets away from us. Many people is doing their lifes in the internet, working, shopping clouths and food, talking to others, reading, playing, meeting anothers even finding love. Personal I think these people is doing the opposite they are getting away from real life.

2b

Prompt: Scientific Inventions Form 904

Choose one scientific invention (e.g. mobile phone, washing machine, automobile). What impact has it had on individuals, society, and/or the environment?

Mobile phones were invented for technology. They come in all different shapes and sizes. Mobile phones are an important piece in everyday life for communication purposes.

Phones are great in society because when you are out looking for help you can pick up the phone and communicate with a family member, police officer and a operator for assistance. They can also be used as a help learning guide. Mobile phones are also dangers because it gives off lots of electricity that can harm the human heart.

Mobile phones are designed for many different reasons such as texting, talking, web surfing and more. I believe mobile phones are a great factor in life because when I allow my son to go hang out with his friends and it's passed curfew he can pick up his phone to explain how long he may be to get home. Everyone should invest in a phone for resource purposes.

2c

Prompt: Scientific Inventions (Form 904)

Choose one scientific invention (e.g. mobile phone, washing machine, automobile). What impact has it had on individuals, society, and/or the environment?

Cellular phones was impact this generation.Few years ago, the scientifics discover this kind of phone and impacted the world.Now, use a cellular phone is part of our lives.We can talk, take a picture, use with internet, so, it is very important have one of this invention. For a woman is part of an accesory.I bring with me wherever i go.Adults and teenegers have a cellular phone but some specialist says that can affect our hearing.We're really don't know.

Use cellulars phones is neccesary in our diary life.They can help us in some emergencies, specially, if we are driving in the route;When the car doesn't work or a tire is flat,we just make some calls and we have the solution.For moms who have teenegers, it is very hard to controler their calls and in many cases parents spend to much money for pay their bill.The teenegers love use this phone for communicate with their friends or write a text with them, but they are usually consume a lot of minutes in the phone.

I think use a cellular phone is a good idea but we must have to controle our needs.The next generation , we expect new discoveries and we can use them in the good way,for save lives, for rescue people, but not for kill others. So, the science is still impacting the world and i hope, we can support , we can colaborate for the next generation,for our kids,grandsons,grandaugthers.

2d

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so ? What can be done about it ? The main reason I think good health is essential to exercising is you keep your body in shape you will feel better about yourself. Some people are to busy to put a workout plan in there day, so they are constantly running. On the go all the time, eating out and not working the calories off. If u live your life like that most of the time u wont live very long. Exercise is a good thing that helps you feel and look good about yourself.

The things that can be done about making people exercise more often. U could build more health centers. Exercise rooms in office buildings. There can be a planer set aside for your off days so u can work out. Create more time for your body needs. Some people just have high metabalism. They are the lucky ones. Work out regularly and you will see a change and your life style. More adds about health issues could be a suggestion.

For a conclusion of this essay, Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. If everyone worked out the same the world would be fit in so many ways. There will be differences in the way people often die. Percentages in certain categories that will go down. There are some diseases that you cant help but if you worked out it would be less strugle on your heart. Work out regularly and stay healthy. Create a better life for yourself.

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

Exercise is essential to good health but like myself and many other people trying to exercise regularly is a losing battle. we all would like to exercise in our minds, but the real down fall is time we never have enough time, we would like to exercise more often but time is never on our side with everybodys crazy schedule its to easy to say we will exercise, but to come down to the plain truth as people we never exercise enough. I believe we all need to exercise more this will only help our body and minds. also exercising will make us as people to understand how important exercising and eating right will make us live a longer and happier life. we only have one body we need to take care of it and keep it healthy. what can be done about this is pretty simple we all need to be educated more on how very important exercising and eating healthy is to keep our bodies in shape and to live life to the fullest. there are many groups out there that are willing to teach each and everyone of us how to exercise regularly this is a very serious topic and people really need to understand just how important this is . people who are not aware of these dangers should really take a close look and get all the information they can from doctors or other resources so everyone can be educated on the dangers of not enough exercise can do to a persons body and health . I hope we can take this information and use it to teach other people that do not believe in exercising regularly.

Prompt: Employment Form 901**What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?**

Some of the skills that I think are the most important to get a job and stay employed are as they follow. First of all, you must have good skills to communicate. You should keep in mind that on the day of your interview for a job, the first impression you must show to the employer is your ability to communicate with others.

Second, remember your skills to react to new situations. We all know that in our jobs a significant event could cause a change in our positions. For example, a co-worker may be sick and will not be able to get to work; you could be given extra work in an unexpected day or your lucky day has arrived and you get promoted that means that you will be facing new responsibilities.

Third, show your skills to follow directions. You never want to go and do anything opposite to what your superiors have told you to do. However, you can give some opinions or advises but not beyond that point.

In conclusion, I think that whoever got these skills and put them in practice should be able to get a job or to hold the one they got.

3a

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

Many people around the world don't exercise regularly. It's a busy world to live in with jobs, families and social lives to live. I feel most people take for granted going out for a simple walk in the park or even a jog around the neighborhood. Believe it or not, not exercising can affect a lot of aspects of people's lives. Such as gaining weight, which can cause a lot more medical problems and even your social life. Going for a jog or bike ride can ease a stressed mind from a rough day. There are a lot of benefits from getting a good work out in every week, even if it's only once a week. I believe it could make all the difference.

Is there anything we can do about it? There are a lot of fun things to do that also give you the exercise you need. If you make exercising fun then it won't feel like exercise. Such as bike riding, jogging, swimming, sports are all great and fun ways to get a good work out. If you're a typical busy American with a full time job and a family to come home to, then I would suggest taking the kids to the park. Playing with your kids is a great work out and it also gives you time to spend with your family. When I was younger I took jazzercise at my elementary school, this was an afterschool event. My teammates and I would learn different dance moves and dance along with the music and the instructor. I found jazzercise a lot of fun because I was dancing and listening to the music that I loved, so it made the time go by fast and it was a great work out. I also used to take karate classes around the same age and I had done that over the summer. There were a lot of benefits from it. I started losing weight and gaining muscle, which I thought was really cool. Also I got to learn how to defend myself, so the classes were worth the time and money.

There are so many benefits from getting exercise that I don't know why more people around the world don't do it enough. All you need to do is find a way that lets you have fun with it. Whether it's spending time with your family outdoors, going to the gym or a specific sport. I say take time out from your busy life schedule and get the exercise your body and mind really need to function properly. It will make all the difference when you start seeing the benefits of getting a good work out. Hopefully this will inspire people in the future to start exercising and to start having fun with it, instead of just making it a chore.

3b

Prompt: Advertising Form 902

We are bombarded by product advertisements in our daily lives. Are you influenced by advertisements in your purchasing decisions? Why or why not?

Do advertisements effect my purchasing decisions???

YES!!

Our economy is getting completely out of control and way too expensive to really live. I believe that in order for alot of companies to stay open and employess keep their jobs, you must advertise. Alot of places are throwing sales, markdowns, "buy one, get one" ideas and are putting out alot of money to help save their company.

We see alot of advertisement in gas prices. The average "gas shopper" will drive around or search via internet to find the cheapest gas in their area. Some places will give you a mark down on your gas if you decide to use their car wash or pump gas on a certain day. Ex. Shell on Jumpres Hole Rd has .05 cents off on every Thursday whether you fill up your tank or just get two (2) gallons. Roy's gas station on Crain Highway will take off .10 cents of each gallon if you purchase a car wash along with your gas. I personally work a pt job in a bar and we have the "buy one, get one free" happy hour. Its a better way to get more for paying less. More people are going to take advantage of that idea instead of spending double maybe even triple at the end of their day. And we do alot of advertisement via billboards, myspace, twitter, facebook, flyers etc. You get alot of people who will come in there and through word-of-mouth your clientel will double.

So, I am personally influenced by the advertising I see. I do get gas at the above listed places and would take advatage of the "buy one, get one" idea. We need to save every dime and penny these days. So, i believe that I will always go where i know there's a better sale.

3c

Prompt: Scientific Inventions (Form 904)

Choose one scientific invention (e.g. mobile phone, washing machine, automobile). What impact has it had on individuals, society, and/or the environment?

The mobile phone device has had a great impact in this country. It has come a very long way since it's original design of wearing it around your neck like a had bang. The mobile phone's of the world has come a long way. Instead of wearing it around like a big bag you can now simply put in your pocket or (for women) place it in an evening bag. Mobile phones went from analog to digital from a basic hand held phone to a phone you can take picture with, use as a camcorder, go on the internet, use it as a gps, or buisness purposes. Mobile phone's are now campable to download music, videos, games & movies. You really don't have no need for your everyday conventional things. Why buy a DVD movie, or a CD, or a Navigational system, or a camera when a have a cell that can do it all for one price.

A mobile phone started small and now has become the biggest selling gymeic since a microwave. Do I think that mobile phone companies are ripping us off well yes. Do they really need to charge you \$40 for service, \$10 for text \$15 for the internet. My answer is NO not a all. But, we need our mobile phones we have to make that call, and make sure that our families are in total contact with us all times. Do we need that internet no but, we use it why not the phone comes with it and they charge you for it. Do you we need to download music no but, why not when the CD store is charging \$20 for some singers music and all the tracks on the CD is wack. That \$1.99 download comes in handy and that is worth it.

I personally have had several cell phones through the years and even though to me it's more expensive than a regular house phone you still need it. What if you get stranded on the side of the road? What if you have an emergency? When you have some emergency or someone needs to call you for any reason you need a mobile phone. For the past 6 months I refused to have a mobile phone but found myself everytime I go somewhere needed to use the phone. I really don't need a cell phone. No one really calls me other than my family and they don't call me to often. I pay twice as much for a cell phone than my house phone. But, when I am out some where and I need to make a call I now have my trusted phone tucked in the side pocket for any emergency use. You can say, "Hey just use a pay phone". I could do that but, look around since mobile phones came into town how often do you see a pay phone or when you find one it's normally broken. Then, of course you need change how often do you walk around with .50 in your pocket. I normally never have any money in my pocket. So, without that mobile phone I would have to go a store make a purchase, get cash back, get change for that cash, then make my a call. Wow, how long did that take 30 or so minutes. When I can simply just reach into my purse take out my Samsung Rant and make a phone call. Now, how lond did that take 1 minute. So, what is your poison 30 minutes to say or 1 minute and don't forget while your running around looking for that store and that pay phone. How much gas did you just use. Hint, Hint.

The moral to my story is mobile phones are the greatest gymemic since the Washer & Dryer. It's changed through the years. Every different mobile phone provider offers something so that you don't feel like your being ripped off. In some cases of a serious emergency yes, they are needed. Once I was headed down Route 100 going eastbound headed to work and my tire blew on the highway. How dangerous is that. I pulled over to the shoulder lane and say my tire and being a women that I am I pulled out my mobile phone from my purse and called AAA, called my job said I will be late, called my husband to tell him what happened. You know what the worst part is no one stopped to say are you okay or do you need me to call someone for you. A police offier went by and didn't even stop. If I didn't have my trusty mobile phone that day I would of probably had to of walk probably 5 miles or more miles to get a pay phone. I think mobile phones cost to much but, in most cases it's really needed.

3d

Prompt: Employment Form 901

What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?

The skills I think are most important to getting and keeping a job are furthering your education, reading, writing and verbal communication skills.

I believe reading is an essential skill to have and maintain. If you cannot read it could be difficult to complete an application. You could harm others in a professional environment if instructions are not followed. You could also harm yourself. If you cannot read well enough you could incorrectly take medications, misread signs, as well as other simple labels and instructions.

Writing skills are important to have when you have to communicate in a non-verbal setting. With today's technology email is often the preferred method of communication in the workplace. If you have good written communication it allows you to clearly state what is required or being asked with confusion.

I also think verbal communication is a key asset to have. Without good verbal communication skills it may become difficult for others to understand what you are trying to articulate. Communication skills are great to have if you attend meetings and have to answer questions, or if you have to give presentations. With good verbal communication skills it will allow you to explain with less hesitation. Also, if you are in a customer service environment, verbal communication can help with quicker resolution.

In addition to the reading, writing, and verbal communication, furthering your education is the most important skill to have when obtaining and keeping any job. Technology, and job requirements change all the time. With continued education, it allows you to effectively complete your responsibilities. Furthering your education helps you how to write effectively. You can become a better reader. As well as learning the art of verbal communication. This is why I think furthering your education is the most important skill to have in getting and maintaining a job.

3e

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

Being able to exercise is essential for overall good health. Not only does it provide us good health benefits, like reduced blood pressure and a lower risk for heart disease. It helps with mobility and flexibility and gives one stronger and leaner muscles, which also contribute to overall health.

Often, many people do not exercise, this can be for many reasons. They don't have the time, this could be because of work, kids or both. Some people don't like to exercise and find it boring and mundane and the others are just plain lazy and don't have the motivation to exercise.

I believe if people were more educated on health and dietary concerns, they would realize that exercise is an essential part of survival. Exercise is not only an act of responsibility to your overall health, it is an act of self love.

3f

Prompt: Advertising Form 902

We are bombarded by product advertisements in our daily lives. Are you influenced by advertisements in your purchasing decisions? Why or why not?

We are surrounded by advertisements everywhere in our daily lives; on TV, in magazines, and on billboards. I am definitely influenced by the advertisements. When I see Paula Dean's Egg McMuffin Sandwich Maker, I want to buy it. Or if I see Rachel Ray's new Dutch Pot Set, I want to buy it. And this is just by watching TV.

When I go out I see billboards with the tasty new Angus Burger from McDonald's. It makes me hungry so I want to stop by McDonald's and try it. If I see an Old Navy billboard and there is a sale on items, buy two get one half off, I want to go shopping and see what they have.

When coupons come in the mail for Shop Rite or Stop-n-Shop with good savings, I cut out the coupons and when I go to the grocery store I use the coupons so I can save on my grocery bill. However, sometimes I buy things I don't really need because I have a coupon.

As far as I'm concerned, advertising works on me. If I see things advertised that interest me, I am motivated to buy them. Whether I see them on TV, in magazines or on billboards, I am influenced by advertisements.

4a

Prompt: Internet Form 903

The internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite? Why or why not?

The internet plays a big role in everyday life. Sometimes the impact is negative; but more often than not, the internet serves to bring people closer together.

The time saved by using the internet gives people the opportunity to have more time to spend with friends and family. Instead of shopping at three different stores to find a certain item, a person can compare prices online and go directly to the store with the best price. Paying bills can be done online as well. This cuts down on time spent writing checks and making trips to the Post Office.

Secondly, e-mail allows people to connect with one another in more personal ways than speaking on the phone. Baby pictures can be sent to grandma the minute they are taken, updates on family news can be received with the click of a button, and questions can be asked about family vacations without several phone calls to interrupt daily business.

Possibly more important is the fact that the internet allows people who would otherwise feel alone to have connections with people in similar circumstances. A person with a rare, debilitating disease, who can't even leave their house, can speak to other sufferers on the other side of the world. This would not be possible without the internet. Even people without ailments, who just feel out of touch in a fast paced world, can connect with people in internet support groups dealing with social problems.

While the internet opens the door for many negative things, on a broad scale, it connects people and allows for quick easy communication, bringing people closer together.

4b

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

Exercise is Essential to Good Health

Many people want to feel healthy, look great, and have toned bodies, but most people don't like to exercise. Exercise can be good for your health. It helps you stay younger, stronger, keeps you in shape, maintains your weight and can prevent some health problems. Exercise can also help you release tension and stress from daily activities such as work, school, taking care of children, and other things going on in your life.

Most people do not exercise regularly. I believe people do not exercise because most people simply don't have the time. They work, are going to school, or have children at home to take care of. Others are just too lazy to exercise and would rather sit in front of a television, browse the internet, talk on the phone, or play video games.

I believe that if there were more advertisements on television, newspapers, and bill boards, on how to eat healthy, lose weight, and keep a good exercising plan, more people would be interested in exercising. Food companies should make healthier foods. Vending machines should have healthier snacks. Gyms should prompt better membership plans and television should show more commercials on why it is good to exercise and eat healthy.

Exercise is essential to good health, and if everyone made more time for exercising and eating healthy, more people would be in shape, and live healthy lives.

4c

Prompt: Employment Form 901

What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?

We've all been there. It's the day of your big job interview and the only thing you can think of are all the possible things that could go wrong. But instead of focusing on the negative, here are some things I've learned through my own experience that will help you make a good impression and obtain the job you're striving for. Be prompt. Make sure you arrive on time. Make sure you give yourself plenty of time to get ready. This will save you less hassle and help in your arriving to your interview location safely.

Appearance is very important. Make sure your attire is neat and orderly. You want to show the potential employer that you are a well kept person. A person dressed sloppy and hair uncombed is not the kind of person most employers want to hire. It's also helpful to write down a few questions you may want to ask concerning the place you may be working. What is expected of you, what to wear, how much will you be making an hour or is it salary. Your employer will normally offer this information without you having to ask. But just in case they don't, it's important to get these answers.

Great news! You got the job! Now your attention is focused on what you must do to keep it. Many of the things listed previously are still important to practice even once you are hired. Arriving to work on time, neat clothing and hair, ect.. It can be hard to memorize a lot of new information concerning your new job. This may be in an entirely new work force you've never experienced. Or perhaps it's your first job. Don't become discouraged! It will take a bit of time to grow completely accustomed to your new place of employment. Make sure you try your best and really focus on the material you're trying to learn. As long as you're following these important steps, your interview will go smoothly, and the job will most likely become yours!

4d

Prompt: Advertising Form 902 We are bombarded by product advertisements in our daily lives. Are you influenced by advertisements in your purchasing decisions? Why or why not?

I believe that everyone, myself included, is influenced by advertisements in our purchases. When you watch television, there are a lot of commercial breaks. During the course of a thirty minute television show, you might see the same commercial five times. It can cause you to become sort of brain washed. What I mean by that is, even though you might not realize it, when you hear something repeatedly, it gets in your subconscious mind. Even if you are not paying full attention to the commercial, your brain still registers the information and stores it. It will then access that information when you are in the purchasing process decision.

Another way that advertisements influence us is by using clever marketing. They use catchy phrases or songs that will stick out in your mind. The object is to stand out to the customer more than the next company. For example, I recently had to rent a car. I don't do it often at all so I didn't have a company that I use on a regular basis. The first name that came to mind was Enterprise Rent A Car. The reason why I remember them is because their slogan is "Pick Enterprise, we'll pick you up". It is not only convenient but catchy, so I called them first and ended up renting from them. The bigger the company, the bigger the influence. People are more likely to buy a brand or use a service that they have heard of before. When I go to the grocery store to buy something, I will usually buy a brand that I am familiar with rather than something that I haven't heard of. I hear about different brands on TV commercials mostly, but also when I look at a magazine or on the side of a bus, pretty much everywhere around me.

Companies also use your emotions to influence you into buying their products. They can use fear in a commercial for a home alarm company such as the Slogan Shield. In one of their ad, they have a teenager sitting at home without their parents when a burglar breaks down the door. Since the family has the Slogan Shield, the alarm goes off and scares him away. A parent looking at this commercial can feel scared that the same thing will happen to their child and as a result get their product. Another emotion that is used to influence people is happiness, peace of mind. A company like Gerber Baby which manufactures baby foods for example sells peace of mind. They say in their ads that they make their baby foods using the best natural ingredients. Every mother want the best for their child and since natural ingredients are the best, a mother will most likely pick their brand for their baby food.

Whether through slogans or emotions, companies spend billions of dollars every year on advertisement that will sell their products. We are all influenced by advertisement whether on television commercials, in magazines or by word of mouth. If you live in this world, you cannot help but be influenced by advertisements.

5a

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

Everybody knows that exercise is essential to good health. It is a fundamental equation that just makes sense. What goes in must come out. Therefore the energy that is produced from our food intake must be utilised; otherwise it is processed into fats, hence the need for exercise. It is not easy to exercise in the 21st century. Everywhere you turn, there are escalators, elevators and lifts. Covered walkways, sheltered overhead bridges and underground tunnels are a norm, and the air-conditioner is the Number One factor in deciding where to have lunch.

At work, the type of the work itself poses a problem. Sitting down on a chair facing a computer screen for 8 hours a day yields almost no opportunity for exercise, although the fingers certainly get a good work-out from all that typing and clicking. At home, busy people prefer to buy food in disposable packages, eliminating the opportunity of preparing food, cooking and washing up as a form of physical activity. After dinner, people usually start on their couch-related activities, be it channel-surfing or going back to the computer. Worse, they go out for a smoke (or many smokes, in some cases) or indulge in alcohol-related beverages to wind the night up.

"Too busy!" is the usual reason people give when asked when they do not exercise more regularly. All that emphasis on the paper chase and climbing the corporate ladder has forced people to shift their priority from leading a healthy fulfilling life to the "out-earn, out-work & out-perform" competition at work, and exercise naturally takes a back seat.

There is nothing that can be done about it. No government initiatives or incentives can force someone to get off their bottoms and onto their feet to get that much needed exercise. The change, like all morals and values that a person holds, must come from within. Once an individual realizes he is wasting his physical body away each day, he will summon the strength from inside himself to incorporate exercise into his lifestyle.

I myself will start tonight...or maybe after this weekend would be a better time.

5b

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

There are different reasons why many people do not exercise regularly. Firstly, there are those who are not aware that exercise is essential to good health. This group may be the elderly or those with little or no education. They may not have access to health education on the importance of exercise. For this group particularly, the government can try to promote regular exercise through public education via the mass media like television and radio broadcast or advertisements on bus and mrt panels.

However, there is a larger group of people who know the usefulness of regular exercise, but they are not doing anything about it. One reason is that they lack the commitment to exercise regularly. Some may have given up after some attempts to do jogging or swimming or other forms of exercise. But they could not sustain their interests in these work-outs because they feel bored when they exercise alone. Therefore, it is good to exercise together with some good friends or family members so that they can motivate each other. For example, they can pace each other while they jog or swim or play games like tennis or badminton. Exercising with a regular companion will also help bond the friendship and improve relationship.

Another reason for the lack of commitment is the demands of work or other family responsibilities like parents who have to take care of young children or the elderly. Here the couple can try to share out the responsibilities in taking care of the family so that each can have time for regular exercise with their friends or colleagues. Alternatively, mothers may join some mothers' network who can then help to take care of the children so that mothers can have time for exercise. If the children are older, the parents can involve the children in doing brisk walking or swimming or play any simple physical games like frisbees for fun. Another option is to check if the company provide any gym facilities and try to make use of those facilities for workouts either before or after work or even before lunch. If there are no such facilities offered at the working place, the couple can join some fitness clubs and try to schedule time for regular exercise. A good suggestion, if they can afford the fees, is to sign up for some recreation clubs which have facilities for good work-out exercise for families. Some of these clubs also organise special outings or other physical activities like hiking or biking events.

For those who are really very busy at work and at home, they can also explore other ways of exercising. After all, the purpose of exercise is to try to get our bodies to do some physical activities to burn off the extra calories. Therefore, to make up for the lack of regular exercise, one can sometimes try to walk up the staircase instead of taking the elevator or escalator when one goes shopping. And to

combat the unhealthy effect of a sedantary lifestyle, one can also try once in a while to twindle one's toes, and do some simple neck, and limbs movement instead of taking long coffee breaks at the office. Another idea is to be engaged in any interesting hobbies or activities such as gardening that exert the body.

The above suggestions may be helpful but in the final analysis one must have the conviction on the importance of exercise for good health and then have the discipline and the creativity to find ways to do various kinds interesting physical activities. Finally, the government or the health ministry can help to promote exercise through health education, advertisements and also working with companies to encourage workers to exercise regularly as part of the government's emphasis to improve quality of life at work.

Anchor Annotations

*Expanded annotations and comments are included in the online course.

Anchor 1		
1a	Advertising	<i>We are bombarded by products advertisements in our lives.</i> Requires a substantial degree of inference.
1b	Exercise	<i>may be there are lack of time due to busy daily work</i> Minimal response to task. Lacks a thesis or main idea.
1c	Employment	<i>Skills I thing are most important to get a job and stay employed are.</i> Poor response to task.
1d	Exercise	<i>The ways to get heathy,and why do people dont have good helth.</i> Minimal response to task topic. Repetitive.
Anchor 2		
2a	Internet	<i>In my opinion the internet is becoming more and more a part of people's</i> Unfocused. Many ideas not well-stated.
2b	Scientific Inventions	<i>Mobile phones were invented for technology</i> Unfocused. Many ideas not well-stated.
2c	Scientific Inventions	<i>Cellular phones was impact this generation</i> Unfocused. Many ideas not well-stated.
2d	Exercise	<i>Exercise is essential to good health</i> Many ideas not well-stated.
2e	Exercise	<i>Exercise is essential to good health but like myself</i> Unfocused. Many ideas not well-stated.
2f	Employment	<i>Some of the skills that I think are the most important to get a job</i> Many ideas not well-stated.
Anchor 3		
3a	Exercise	<i>Many people around the world dont excersise regularly</i> Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail. Some ideas not well-stated.
3b	Advertising	<i>Do advertisements effect my purchasing decisions???</i>

		Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail. Some variety of expression.
3c	Scientific Inventions	<i>The mobile phone device has had a great impact in this country</i> Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail. Some variety of expression.
3d	Employment	<i>The skills I think are most important to getting and keeping a job</i> Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail.
3e	Exercise	<i>Being able to exercise is essential for overall good health</i> Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail. Lacks development.
3f	Advertising	<i>We are surrounded by advertisements everywhere</i> Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail.
Anchor 4		
4a	Internet	<i>The internet plays a big role in everyday life</i> Thesis or main idea is clearly stated and developed with relevant details and examples.
4b	Exercise	<i>Many people want to feel healthy, look great</i> Thesis or main idea is clearly stated and developed with relevant details and examples.
4c	Employment	<i>We've all been there.</i> Thesis or main idea is clearly stated and developed with relevant details and examples.
4d	Advertising	<i>I believe that everyone, myself included, is influenced</i> Thesis or main idea is clearly stated and developed with relevant details and examples.
Anchor 5		
5a	Exercise	<i>Everybody knows that exercise is essential to good health.</i> Superior essay with highly developed ideas and support.
5b	Exercise	<i>There are different reasons why many people do not exercise</i> Superior essay with highly developed ideas and support.

Scoring Activity Answer Sheets

Scoring Activity #1

Number	My Score	My Scoring Annotations (language from rubric, examples)	CASAS Score	Too High? Too Low? Just right?
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Scoring Activity #2

Number	My Score	My Scoring Annotations (language from rubric, examples)	CASAS Score	Too High? Too Low? Just right?
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Scoring Activity #3

Number	My Score	My Scoring Annotations (language from rubric, examples)	CASAS Score	Too High? Too Low? Just right?
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Scoring Activity 1 Sample Essays

1

Prompt: Advertising Form 902

We are bombarded by product advertisements in our daily lives. Are you influenced by advertisements in your purchasing decisions? Why or why not?

I personally am a little fed up with all the advertisements that you see today. I know that companies have to make money to stay in business, but I think they are getting a little carried away. Every where you look all you see is adver-tisements that clutter up the views on the highways, take up most of the space in magazines and slow down dial-up service on the internet.

Advertisers that do the info-mercials on television seem like they can't do any thing unless they have someone with a booming voice and the over use of hand gestures. Others rely on over anxious people that just get to excited to influence me enough to have enough faith to purchasing what they are selling.

Some products I are pretty much alright and I will research them to find out if they live up to thier claims, then I might consider purchasing them. Other products especially on the info-mercials just seem too cheap and they know they couldn't sell them without the help of a big name celebrity, those I tend not to put faith in. Magazine advertisements I can deal with, if it looks interesting I can take as long as I like to study it without the time restraints of television. Adver-tisements on the internet I dont care for at all. All they do is slow down the service so it takes forever for a page to load and break your concentration when you're trying to read or study something.

2

Prompt: Internet Form 903

The internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite? Why or why not?

The Internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your own opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite?

I really believe that today's internet is most definitely bringing people closer and closer together. My first opinion is that the things you can do on an internet ten years ago you couldn't do now a days at jobs instead of everyone meeting about twenty times a day you can make up all types of Power Points and slides and email them out. For example if you have a new chemical coming into your work place due to OSHA requirements you have to make sure every one in your work place is handling the chemical properly.

My second reason on why internet is becoming a part of people's everyday lives is that it's addictive you can say in your mind you will only be on the web for an hour that turns into five hours before you even know it. You can get fired from your place of employment due to being on the web for long periods of time even if your work is completed. They have all type of detection to see if your working or surfing.

The internet in a lot of ways are very helpful you can find love one's through certain sites such as (face book, myspace) which is good in some sense and bad in the others. You can use a lot of search engines to look for jobs, housing, and education needs, The internet is the way of the world right now a lot of companies use computers and the internet to hire and fire no paper trail. It's also a good way to GO GREEN!!! With that being said the internet and computers will be around for years to come company will be updating daily on software and enhancing technology to be the best at what they do.

3

Prompt: Internet Form 903

The internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite? Why or why not?

In my opinion The Internet is not bringing people closer together. We use the internet for everything. Communication, shopping, banking and paying bills. A person would never have to go out of their home for anything. The internet is a great for research, school work and typing this essay. We grow emotionally and physically when we interact with other human beings. We need to feel, see, hear and smell for our senses. How would we know how to cope and interact with other people if we always did it over the internet. Life experiences are how we learn, live love and grow.

4

Prompt: Scientific Inventions (Form 904)

Choose one scientific invention (e.g. mobile phone, washing machine, automobile). What impact has it had on individuals, society, and/or the environment?

A good invention to me would be a automobile because it has an impact on society, individuals and the environment every day both in good and bad ways. If it wasn't for an automobile hundreds of thousands of individuals a day would not be able to make it to work, school, the doctors, grocery store's and many other places we go using a vehicle even to have fun like racing or mudding in trucks. Another thing without automobiles it would be very hard just to get every day things that we use like food and clothing. But automobiles also have a very bad side to, they put tons of pollution into our atmosphere every day and it is ruining our environment. There are also hundreds of deaths a day from automobiles which makes a lot of individuals in our society very sad which is not good at all. So I would have to say automobiles have a huge impact on every one including the environment almost every hour of every day.

5

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

My topic i'm writing about today is exercise. Walking is a very good exercise. Walking is a good exercise because it help your leg muscles. Situps are good for your abs and your back. Pushups are good for your arm and leg.

Many people don't exercise because they don't have time to. They don't have time because they work too many hours. If they just went for a run before work they would be a little more healthy. Exercise will help them stay fit and will keep you feeling well. If you just work out one day a week it would help you because you would not get sick as much.

I try to exercise at least two hours a day. I try to do that because I feel better if I do. People need to make time for exercise because it would keep you feeling good. If people would workout. They would miss less time for work for being sick.

6

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

EXERCISE

Exercise is essential to good health because it offers mental or stress release. It's good for the heart and blood pressure, controls weight, helps you stay young and healthy, and overall-it's what's in the best interest and well-being for us. We must learn to take good care of ourselves so that we don't get sick, thus we'll stay out of hospitals because we are in good health.

Although exercising regularly is essential to good health and a healthy life, most people don't like exercising because they just don't have the time or patience to do so. They have so many excuses as to why they don't want or need to exercise. They're either too busy working too many jobs, have too many household duties or responsibilities due to having children, or they're too lazy to want to do anything except lay around the house watching their favorite TV shows, or on the telephone, or the computer internet chatting. But, whatever the reasons are that they don't exercise, they must realize that the end result for them not exercising will lead them to not having good health and a healthy life.

I truly believe that what can be done about the problem regarding people who are over weight or obese and who are not exercising is that, they need to get a better understanding of why it is so vital to exercise regularly. They must learn to take better care of themselves or else they could die. What they could do is to get some professional health education counseling which will teach them about the benefits of exercising regularly. They must come to the realization that exercising is what's in their best interest and for their well-being.

In regards to people who work, they need to find out if the company they work for has special health programs that are part of their insurance benefits for employees who may have weight or obesity problems. Being overweight can lead to serious problems with the heart, lungs, liver, or other serious medical problems. It can even lead to having a serious heart attack or stroke while on the job. I believe that employers and companies should offer professional counseling, therapy, and incentives for overweight people who want to lose weight and want to have a healthy life. Most companies would like to see their employees looking healthy and young, and having a strong healthy life. They would like to have healthy employees working for them.

Having a strong healthy life, feeling and looking young every day, and feeling positive about yourself is an incentive for companies, their employees, families, and everyone. Everyone should exercise regularly and eat a daily balanced diet. Let's us stay, look, and feel healthy every day of our life. Exercising regularly is not only for people who are overweight or obese, but for everyone who want to live a long time. So, let's put away the excuses for not wanting to exercise, and let's get out that jogging suit or shorts, put on those sneakers, get a bottle of water, and start walking or jogging at least twenty-minute per day, two days a

week. Then, if we feel good about doing it, we can jog or walk maybe thirty-minute per day, three or four days a week. But remember, we don't have to over do it. Let's take it one day at a time, and take it slow. Let's us have a safe and healthy life from this day on. Good Luck!

Prompt: Employment Form 901**What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?**

There are three skills I think are most important in getting a job and staying employed. These skills are punctuation, performance, and determination. If one has these skills I strongly believe they will succeed in getting a job and keeping it.

Punctuation is one of the most important skills of the three. It's one of the most important skills because being on time shows that you actually care about getting/keeping a job. For example, if two people come to an interview, one on time and one late, the probability of getting hired for the person that came late is greatly reduced because they are showing that they don't have good punctuation skills and they might come to work late a lot.

I think performance is an essential skill to have. It's important because it shows that you understand what is expected of you. It also shows that you want to keep your job. For example, when I worked as a lot attendant at a car dealership, I worked with a young man that didn't have satisfactory performance skills. I kept busy and did what was expected of me, but the young man only did what the manager told him to do. The young man got fired soon after he got hired because of his lack of performance skills.

Determination is a very important skill to have when trying to get a job. Determination is very important because it shows one's willingness to not only do the tasks that are asked of him/her, but to succeed in doing them. For example, if a person is asked to do a task while at work and they brush it off and wait until the last minute to do it; they are showing they don't care about doing their job and that they aren't willing to go above and beyond. Thus showing a lack of determination, which can be a deciding factor in keeping a job or losing a job.

If a person has these three skills and shows it I strongly believe they will get a job, succeed in it, and keep it.

8

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

I think there are some ways can help people exercise regularly:to have idea with exercise,to build good habit,to join a group or a team.

It is very important to have an idea to exercise.If you want to do something,you desier to do it,then you will success easily.

It is another important thing to build a good habit.After you decided to do something,you'd better have some plans,such as make a schedual:waht time you have to get up,what time you need to exercise,how long you want to spend,how will you to do if something happen someday,etc..So make details can help you to insist,then you will build a good ahbit.

It will help you a lot to join a team or a group.We know when people work togeter for same purpose,they should be successful easily.When they exercise together,they can communicate about their feelings,and maybe someone has special idea for exercise.So they can build some interesting by group work.

Exercise is essential to good health,I hope people exercise regularly by above three methods:to have an idea,to keep in your mind,ot insist it ,to do it with some people.At least try them,may be you'll find another good ways.

9

Prompt: Scientific Inventions (Form 904)

Choose one scientific invention (e.g. mobile phone, washing machine, automobile). What impact has it had on individuals, society, and/or the environment?

Washing machines, what can one say about this invention. It has become a household item that we would not want to live without. The washing machine has given us the opportunity to be able to stay close to home and be able to do other things that we need to do. This invention, for women mostly has become a life saver. We as society can be relaxed when it comes to doing laundry.

The impact that the washing machine has brought to society is great. No more dragging your clothes to the bathtub or even the river. I think that having the washing machine has empowered us to be at ease when it comes to doing our clothes.

Now with that said, I also believe that it has hurt our environment. The soap and other products that we use to do our laundry is not good. Our waters have greatly suffered from using these products. Not only our waters but all living creatures have been affected by these products. I also know since the invention of the washing machine we have become environmentally smart and are working to better the situation at hand. So with this being said I believe that this is one of the most popular invention in time.

Annotations for Scoring Activity 1 Sample Essays

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Sample #/ Prompt	Score	First Sentence	Annotations
1 Advertising	3	<i>I personally am a little fed up with all the</i>	Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail. Some ideas not well-stated.
2 Internet	2	<i>The Internet is becoming more and more a part of</i>	Unfocused. Requires inference.
3 Internet	1	<i>In my opinion The Internet is not bringing people</i>	Minimal response to task.
4 Scientific Inventions	2	<i>A good invention to me would be</i>	Contains a thesis or main idea with little support. Distracting errors.
5 Exercise	2	<i>My topic i'm writing about today is</i>	Contains a thesis or main idea with little support.
6 Exercise	4	<i>Exercise is essential to good health because it offers</i>	Thesis or main idea is clearly stated and developed with relevant details and examples.
7 Employment	3	<i>There are three skills I think are most important</i>	Some ideas not well-stated.
8 Exercise	2	<i>I think there are some ways can help</i>	Many ideas not well-stated.
9 Scientific Inventions	3	<i>Washing machines, what can one say</i>	Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail.

Scoring Activity 2 Sample Essays

1

Prompt: Employment Form 901

What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?

There are some important skills to get and stay employed. Some of the Skills I'm going to give examples of are communication, listening and reading skills. These skills are some of the main skills in life that need to be shown when wanting a job or to stay employed. In this writing I will give reasons why each of these skills would be important to get and keep a job.

Communication is a skill everyone has to have when getting a job or trying to stay employed. Communication is important because you have to be able to communicate to get the tasks you may have to complete. I also maybe the type of job you have to do. For example if you were working at fast food you have to be able to communicate with the customers to service them 100 percent and get your job done. Communication is one strong skill that will get a lot of people far in their job cause everyone must communicate to get somewhere.

Reading is a skill that a lot of people should have for a job. Reading is important I think because if you just start working you have to be able to understand your job task. This skill will also get you far for understanding directions you may have to follow. Reading skills can make or break your job if you can't comprehend little tasks that require reading. For example when you use this skill is if there was a blind person who came to you at a fast food restaurant you would have to be able to read him the menu so he can pick what he wants.

Listening is another skill that is really important. This skill is one that all places in jobs look for cause you always have to listen to get something done. If you can listen you will be able to understand clearly what job you have to do and how. It helps your boss know that you can follow directions and maintain your position. Listening is important to a lot of people when you need advice you have to listen and when on the job you have so tasks to do and you need the direction to make sure your job is done right. These are some skills that I think are most important to get a job and stay employed.

2

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

Exercising is a good way to stay in shape and also good to use in a daily life. Most people stay in shape by exercising at least 1-2 hour out the day. Most diet dont seem to work because they dont exercise. Exercising help keep u in shape, helps u live long and keep u in good health. Walking is good exercise for the body.

Many people don't exercise because they dont have the knowledge. To know what good health is and what exercising does for the body. Some people also expect to see changes after that first week of exercising, then see that it's not working so they give up. Not knowing u have to be consited to exercising to see changes. Most people take the easy way out and get surgery instead of exercising.

Good health is very important in our daily life. If there were more educational classes on good health more people would exercise. Also knowing that walking is good exercising people may do more of it. I think if people had more knowledge about what exercising do for u in a long run more people will put it in their daily life.

3

Prompt: Advertising Form 902

We are bombarded by product advertisements in our daily lives. Are you influenced by advertisements in your purchasing decisions? Why or why not?

Many people are influenced in their daily lives by advertisements they see on television and in the outside world.

I'm not too influenced by product advertisements in my daily life because I'm not much of a shopper and I buy only what's important and what is necessary for me and my family. I say not too much influences me but I do look at the coupons they have in grocery stores. If it's time for me to go grocery shopping, I would look though and see what I need. If it's on sale I'll mark it and make a list of what I need. I look at the advertisements for other things like clothes, and jewelry that I love, but I don't get excited and immediately have that urge to buy it.

Some of my girlfriends tell me I'm not normal because I'm not like them. When they see something they want, they do anything in their power to get it. I'm not saying that I don't buy clothes or shoes. When I have the money and if I don't have any bills due or have what my family needs, then I will look around and see what I like and buy it. Many people are addicted to product advertisements and they forget their main priority because they want what's shown in the advertisements and especially if they see such great offers.

I think that people get financially troubled when they buy everything they see in advertisements because they start applying for credit cards. They can purchase the items using the credit cards on television and if they don't have the money at that time. Then they realize they have a bill of \$500 or more and most people can't handle that. It's start accumulating and they don't know how to get out of debt.

I had an experience where I couldn't get out of my credit card debts because I needed things I couldn't get at the time because of a money situation. I guess this is my reason for now not being so influenced by product advertisement.

4

Prompt: Employment Form 901

What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?

Skills and job follow up in the same sentence, you must have skills in order to even apply for the job. All depending on what job you have lets you know the skills that you need. For example if you wanted to be an nurses aid you couldnt get hired if you didnt have the basic skill of the job as in drawing blood, or taking a patients blood pressure. Skills very from jobs so I cant just name skills but I can name the ones from my prior experiences in the work field.

The jobs that I've worked have been cashier the skills need that were the key and very important was being able to handle, count, and add money with or without the register. Being able to deal with customer on a daily basis. Being a cashier you should have excellent Customer services skills, its always all about the customer and always providing excellent sevice. Being able to handle what may come you way or shall I say you should being patient is defintly a skill in this trade you may come acorss a older women who is having problems finding her wallet or a big order. But you should always be able to handle it all with a smile on your face.

Skills needed to keep a job is excelling in the job, taking the skills that you have already learned and know to another level. Showing your peers that you have picked up and excuted the skill. Lets say your jobs is filling paper you normally do one stack, push harder do two. Your peers will see you pushing harder, and you just may get promoted. These skills can help you stay employed but I dont think it just about staying employed I think it's about moving forward/up while your there make your mark.

5

Prompt: Exercise Form 900

Exercise is essential to good health, but many people do not exercise regularly. Why is this so? What can be done about it?

Exercise is good, but many people do not exercise regularly or even not at all. The reason are as follows:

- Work; Majority of people will be too tired and lazy after a long day's work.
- Family commitment; Working already takes up most of the time, so they'd rather spent the time with the kids or friends.
- Not many places cater for exercise to be carry out especially in the neighbourhood

The relevant authority can promote health awareness by :

- free health screeing
- conduct talks and seminars on health
- monetary award (money makes the world go round)

6

Prompt: Internet Form 903

The internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite? Why or why not?

Internet has had a huge impact on our daily live's. It's made our every day live's much easier than fifteen to twenty back. I strongly agree internet has brought people together from different parts of the world . And this is why i think internet has brought lot's of people together. Online chating, is one of the most popular ways of conversating with people whom u can meet after getting to know them online.In most countries around the world, online dating is also one of the easiest way to make friends.Most people uses internet to search their love ones who has been away for soo long. Law enforcement uses internet to track down their fugitives on the run.

It's quiet obvious bussinesses and companies uses internet to transact or communicate with each other. It's much easier to look for a friend whom has not been seen in a very long time. You can get online and search for jobs,friends,schools,churches and many more.Finally, i agree internet has made it easier for me to conversate with friends n family outside the U S, and many countries in world.

Prompt: Employment Form 901**What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?**

First of all you need to know about the job you've selected. Different jobs require specific knowledge. Regardless of your choice, you need to be punctual and able to learn more about your job. The education that you have and your determination will help you find a job that is right for you.

Usually you pick a job that you like. If you want to be a "Chef" and consider it a hassle to cook. Then you ought not choose this profession. Take a clear, objective look at what you like to do. This task makes it easier for you to focus on your job choice. There are also career tests that you can take to find your best choices. I've taken one of those tests myself and was very satisfied with the results.

I usually go with my 'gut' feeling. I feel that if I'm going to work, I ought to like what I do on the job. I like the arts, gardening, cooking, animals and nature. So I ought to seek a job in one of those fields. Then I would be happy at my employ.

Say I chose gardening. I would have many options; landscaping, working in a greenhouse or even a florist would suffice. That way I would be happy and enjoy my days' work. In closing I would have to say that for a person to get a job. They must have the proper education. They must also know about their job choice. Finally they must enjoy their job to stay employed.

Annotations for Scoring Activity 2 Sample Essays

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Sample #/ Prompt	Score	First Sentence	Annotations
1 Employment	3	<i>There are some important skills to</i>	Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail.
2 Exercise	2	<i>Exercising is a good way to stay in</i>	Many ideas not well-stated.
3 Advertising	4	<i>Many people are influenced in their</i>	Thesis or main idea is clearly stated and developed with relevant details and examples.
4 Employment	2	<i>Skills and job follow up in the same</i>	Many ideas not well-stated. Distracting errors in grammar interfere with reader's understanding.
5 Exercise	1	<i>Exercise is good, but many people do not</i>	Minimal response to task. Cohesion limited.
6 Internet	2	<i>Internet has had a huge impact on our</i>	Many ideas not well-stated. Unfocused.
7 Employment	3	<i>First of all you need to know about the job</i>	Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail.

Scoring Activity #3 Sample Essays

1

Prompt: Employment Form 901

What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?

employment in today's world is vital to survival but attaining a job is only half the battle, keeping your employment is the other. keeping a job show multiple character traits depending on the jobsite. working at a market in which talking to costumer is the main focus requires a higher level communication skill, other jobs like a bank teller requires one to focus on the task at hand and finally so jobs may require you to stay fit for example a soldier. to get a employed one must first show that your qualified for the job then show the you consist enough to keep.

to start off your always going the job that you qualified for if you show to your employer that your the right for the job, for example when I applied to work at subway i made sure tell my future employer of my attribute like the fact the im am bilingual and of my past experience in restaurant business. showing your attribute allows separate you from the rest and a higher chance of getting highbred.

in conclusion the important part to finding employment is to make your self look like the prefect candidate for the job. once you prove to your employer you qualified you must consistent work and above average work. to how work and dedication.

2

Prompt: Internet Form 903

The internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite? Why or why not?

In my opinion the internet is not bringing people closer together, it is making society lazy and anti-social. People take advantage of the internet. Social networks are one of the main reasons why the internet is being taken advantage of. Search engines are making people lazy and less intelligent. People also use the internet as a hide out. Society has become so used to the internet doing everything for them that we're not trying to be a society anymore.

Facebook, twitter, and other social networks have made making friends and communicating too easy. People don't go out and communicate anymore they depend on direct messages to talk to each other. These social networks are making our generation anti-social we do not know how to communicate with one another in the real world because we're all choosing to sit behind the computer screen and not speak for ourselves. We handle real situations with violence and ignorance because the internet can't teach us right from wrong. We are becoming more unfamiliar with each other and life because of the internet.

Search engines such as yahoo, Google, and ask.com give us the answers to everything, all we have to do is type in our question. Best friends no longer go to each other for advice because they can stay home and ask Google instead. It has become a hassle to look for information the old fashioned way, we don't want to use our brains anymore. This affects the way we communicate with each other and ourselves. We are programming our brains to dumb itself down.

People use the internet and its resources as a hide out. The internet has allowed people to become someone or something they're not without anyone really knowing. For example people go on social networks and pretend to be a different person, steal pictures and information of someone else and sometimes even lie about their marital status. The internet is making us lose trust in each other and scared to live in a world without a internet hide out.

I don't think the internet should be vanished at all because we still need entertainment and a get away sometimes because we are human. But I think that instead of constantly have us growing apart from ourselves and society it should teach us and become a

positive resource in our lives. The internet cannot do that on it's own it is up to us as an entire society to make change but since the internet consumes most of our time a message should be communicated through social networks and search engines.

3

Prompt: Internet Form 903

The internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite? Why or why not?

I feel that the internet is bringing people closer together because of the usage of different topics and expanding abilities for communication and relation on things of that nature. For those who are interested in magnifying and expanding their personal lives, businesses abilities and relations to friends and family this will be of good advantage. On the internet those who communicate will be able to speak to new friends and farther living family via webcams and videos will be more happy and have more time otherwise to continue things within their lives. The internet within the world wide web (WWW) will bring many people related responsibilities and benefits which will satisfy the whole world with the ease of communicating. The internet can easily bring people together for a positive result because of these topics and the fact that all of technology is improving daily.

4

Prompt: Employment Form 901

What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?

It is very important this days to get a job and stay employed. There are some skills needed before one can get a job and also stay employed.

First and foremost, education is one of the important things employers look at before they higher someone. When employers take an application or a resume depending on what kind or type of job it is, higher education is always a plus. Almost all the time, employers will hirer one that has the same qualification as the other, but has higher education. I think higher education can help someone to get a job and a better one.

Also, experience is another area employers look at. Most jobs require experience. Some of the jobs even states the number of experience they are looking for. For employers, having some form of experience means less training, and less training means saving money. Also having some sort of experience about the job means the employee who is going to be hired has a general idea of what the job entails. This minimizes the rate of employees who quit the job. It also raises productivity.

The above points stated can get you to go for an interview, but not necessarily get someone the job. At the time of interview, the interviewing crew will be looking at a number of things, such as punctuality, appearance, how one answer or ask questions. How one carries one self as a whole during the interview can also determine whether one will get the job or not. This is because employers want to make sure of the commitment level of the one they are going to hire and how well the person will do.

Moreover, getting the job is different from keeping the job. How one conduct him or her self while at work and during work is very important. This can determine if one will stay employed or not. Punctuality and commitment to the job is a key. Every employer wants to make sure their employees come to work on time and work well for good productivity or quality work done. If otherwise is determine, one can loose the job.

Furthermore, team work is also important to employers. Depending on what job it is, being able to work with co-workers, that is being able to work with people from all walks of life and all sorts of behaviors and manners

5

Prompt: Advertising Form 902

We are bombarded by product advertisements in our daily lives. Are you influenced by advertisements in your purchasing decisions? Why or why not?

I am not influenced by advertisements when it comes to making my decisions on purchasing anything. I have noticed that most companies will only sell you the good things about there products. They will never tell you the defects or bugs/glitches that come with a brand new item. I like to do my research on any new gadget available to me. For instance whenever my iPhone receives an update I tend to look for blogs and see what the feedback about that update say. If there are more negative comments than positive I wait a little longer until a better version of the update comes out that way I don't just rush into getting the newest things and potentially corrupt my data on my phone. Another example of why I don't listen to commercials is because there is a lot of false advertisement nowadays. I believe that a majority of companies build there brands off of lies. They kind of like children sometimes. When a child is in trouble he or she would say just about anything to keep out of trouble and the reason that happens is because major companies and businesses give the bad example of lying to save your own skin. A good example of this would be modern day toy commercials. They show you all this cool action and make you think the toy they want you to purchase is going to be the greatest one out there, but when you buy this toy for your child you notice the toy doesn't even have half of the functions that were showed on the commercials. These are just a few reasons why when I look to buy anything I do research and make sure I'm buying quality grade items. It really gets on my nerve when I go to the store and buy a new game system or buy a new phone and it starts glitching after only owning it for a short period of time.

6

Prompt: Employment Form 901

What skills do you think are important to get a job and stay employed?

I know that some skills are very necessary to obtain a job, I believe that motivation, is one, and I know that good communication is another. I know that you have to be punctual , determined, kind also courteous. Respect plays a very big part. you will need to know basic reading and writing, and comprehension. ,sacrifice is a skill to me, ecause many of people do not sacrifice or do not know how. Getting along with others also is key, to be committed do not hurt either. From my experience these few of many thing

s have helped myself get a job and to keep it also, but for myself adapting to new or different situation is something that I am good at. To transition well is another key to keeping the job that you do already have. Flexibility is a skill that is needed in most cases. I believe doing the best that you can and know how, is one of the best skills you can have great effort is the key.

Prompt: Internet Form 903

The internet is becoming more and more a part of people's everyday lives. In your opinion, is it bringing people closer together, or just the opposite? Why or why not?

The internet is a great tool and it is becoming more and more of peoples lives.first of all the internet can reach more people in a short period of time.the response time is short,that is if you are communicating with someone.the internet is instant and an instant reply.

I have spoken with alot of friends and they say, send mean email,or an attachment.The internet is used for net working which i think is super great.the internet as a whole is definitely bring people together.

8

Prompt: Advertising Form 902

We are bombarded by product advertisements in our daily lives. Are you influenced by advertisements in your purchasing decisions? Why or why not?

Every day, every where you go, you can see advertisements whether its on TV, the side of buses, or random signs on the side of the road. Most people are easily influenced by these advertisements, me however I can honestly say that I am hardly ever influenced by anything. Especially when it comes to spending my money on things that I am not sure even work. I will admit that I am always open to others opinions, and if something is being advertised that I mite need or like, I probably will buy it.

Mostly everyone watches television, during one hour, anywhere from 5-15 advertisement commercials are aired some where you can call right away and purchase the product, and some where they tell you where to buy it. I used to go crazy spending my money on things that i would see on the television. Until one day I realized that half of the things that I had bought didn't even do what they were "supposed" to do. Its hard to realize just like you have a job, the people you see on those advertisements most of the time it is their job, they mite not believe in the product but it is their JOB to sell it to you. So they do their best to make it seem the like the best invention ever created, throw in a couple deals and make the sale. Its hard to not like a deal, and its hard to look past what their trying to sell and really think.. "Do I really need this item."

Some advertisements are not only on the TV, you can walk into a grocery store and see seven different brands of paper towel, but only one has this big red sticker that says its on sale. It may not be the best in quality, but it sure is the cheapes t, and that's something most people want now a days. Our economy is really hurting, and millions of people are unemployed, money is tight. So i believe more people are spending money on the "need to have's" instead of the "want to have's." Which in turn is making these businesses try anything just to get you to buy their product. So I try to remember that before I just go buying everything I see that looks good.

Keeping in mind that money is tight, it can also be a good thing, because these businesses are so eager to make money that deals are being made left and right, buy on get on free, 50% off everything in the store. Its important to have low prices, because if your prices remain high, you in time going to go out of business. Every one is looking for that deal, something to save money. If I'm watching TV and i see an advertisement on that says there's a big sale on meat at Ferraros on Wednesday, you better believe I'm there.

In conclusion, there is a large difference between good advertisements and bad ones. I try hard not to let the bad ones get the best of me, and its best to keep reminding myself that you need to focus on purchasing what you need. Not something that you want something that looks so nice and flashy. It is easy for advertisements to influence a buyer, because if it wasn't, there would be so many advertisements every where you go!

Annotations for Scoring Activity 3 Sample Essays

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Sample #/ Prompt	Score	First Sentence	Annotations
1 Employment	1	<i>employment in today's world is</i>	This response must be scored a #1" because there is "no evidence of beginning-sentence capitalization" (see Scoring Guidelines).
2 Internet	3	<i>In my opinion the internet is not bringing</i>	Some ideas not well-stated. Some variety of expression.
3 Internet	2	<i>I feel that the internet is bringing people closer</i>	Unfocused and unclear. Requires inference in most cases.
4 Employment	3	<i>It is very important this days to get a job</i>	Some support and relevant detail. Some ideas not well stated and require minimal inference. Some minor errors.
5 Advertisement	3	<i>I am not influenced by</i>	Some support and relevant detail. Some ideas not well stated. Some errors in word choice. Errors in grammar and mechanics generally do not interfere with the reader's understanding.
6 Employment	2	<i>I know that some skills are very necessary to obtain a job</i>	Many ideas not well-stated. Unfocused.
7 Internet	1	<i>The internet is a great tool</i>	Minimal response considering time given.
8 Advertisement	3	<i>Every day, every where you go</i>	Some support and relevant detail. Requires minimal inference. Generally cohesive with transitions, introduction and conclusion. Some variety of expression.