

## RUBRIC FOR WRITING SAMPLE

### CONTENT

4

**Clear, fully developed thesis:**

Addresses all elements of the question.

Logical and coherent.

All evidence supports the thesis.

3

**Clear Thesis:**

Addresses most elements of the question.

Most evidence supports the thesis.

2

**Discernable Thesis:**

Addresses some elements of the question.

Evidence supports some elements of the question and thesis (may be contradictory, Confusing, or unclear).

1

**Missing or Unclear Thesis:**

Does not address the question.

Evidence is missing, contradictory and/or confusing.

### MECHANICS

4

Very few minor errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or sentence structure.

3

Minor errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or sentence structure.

2

Frequent errors in spelling, grammar, capitalization, punctuation, or sentence structure.

1

Pervasive major errors in spelling, grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structure.

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Your writing will be judged on both content and mechanics according to the above rubric.