

HOLISTIC PARAGRAPH SCALE

A response may or may not show all of the features of any one scale point.

6 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 6 response is both thorough and insightful. The response is clearly organized and focused, and the analysis shows perception. References and quotations are relevant and well integrated. The writing is fluent and the use of language is sophisticated. The response, however, need not be error free.

5 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 5 response is accurate. The response is organized and focused, and the analysis is clear. References and quotations are relevant and well integrated. The writing is fluent and shows a strong grasp of the conventions of language.

4 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 4 response is reasonable. The response is organized, but the ideas may be simplistic or conventional. References are accurate, but often may be limited. The response for the most part displays control of the conventions of language. Errors are present but may not be generally distracting.

3 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 3 response is barely adequate. Organization is present but may not support the flow of ideas. The development of ideas is limited and may be incomplete or superficial. References and quotations may be inappropriate or incorrect. The response displays limited control of the conventions of language. Errors may impede understanding.

2 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 2 response is inadequate. The response lacks organizations and coherence. There is an incomplete or superficial development of ideas, which fail to address the topic. References and quotations are irrelevant or flawed. Language may be poorly controlled, inappropriate or colloquial. Errors are frequent and distracting.

1 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 1 response is unacceptable and shows a lack of understanding. It fails to address the topic and is undeveloped. No references are provided. There is a serious lack of control in the writing which impedes understanding.

0 Answer *

The zero response has insufficient information to warrant a grade. It may be off-topic or simply a restatement of the topic.