

Scoring Rubric for Question 1: Poetry Analysis (6 points)

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria				
<p>Row A Thesis (0-1 points)</p> <p>7.B</p>	<p>0 points For any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no defensible thesis. The intended thesis only restates the prompt. The intended thesis provides a summary of the issue with no apparent or coherent claim. There is a thesis, but it does not respond to the prompt. 			<p>1 point Responds to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation of the poem.</p>	
<p>Row B Evidence AND Commentary (0-4 points)</p> <p>7.A 7.C 7.D 7.E</p>	<p>0 points Simply restates thesis (if present), repeats provided information, or offers information irrelevant to the prompt.</p>	<p>1 point EVIDENCE: Provides evidence that is mostly general.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>COMMENTARY: Summarizes the evidence but does not explain how the evidence supports the student's argument.</p>	<p>2 points EVIDENCE: Provides some specific relevant evidence.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>COMMENTARY: Explains how some of the evidence relates to the student's argument, but no line of reasoning is established, or the line of reasoning is faulty.</p>	<p>3 points EVIDENCE: Provides specific evidence to support all claims in a line of reasoning.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>COMMENTARY: Explains how some of the evidence supports a line of reasoning.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Explains how at least one literary element or technique in the poem contributes to its meaning.</p>	<p>4 points EVIDENCE: Provides specific evidence to support all claims in a line of reasoning.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>COMMENTARY: Consistently explains how the evidence supports a line of reasoning.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Explains how multiple literary elements or techniques in the poem contribute to its meaning.</p>
<p>Row C Sophistication (0-1 points)</p> <p>7.C 7.D 7.E</p>	<p>0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.</p>	<p>1 point Demonstrates sophistication of thought and/or develops a complex literary argument.</p> <p>Responses that earn this point may demonstrate a sophistication of thought or develop a complex literary argument by doing any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and exploring complexities or tensions within the poem. Illuminating the student's interpretation by situating it within a broader context. Accounting for alternative interpretations of the poem. Employing a style that is consistently vivid and persuasive. <p><i>This point should be awarded only if the sophistication of thought or complex understanding is part of the student's argument, not merely a phrase or reference.</i></p>			

Scoring Rubric for Question 2: Prose Fiction Argument (6 points)

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<p>Row A</p> <p>Thesis</p> <p>(0-1 points)</p> <p>7.B</p>	<p>0 points</p> <p>For any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no defensible thesis. The intended thesis only restates the prompt. The intended thesis provides a summary of the issue with no apparent or coherent claim. There is a thesis, but it does not respond to the prompt. 			<p>1 point</p> <p>Responds to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation of the passage.</p>	
<p>Row B</p> <p>Evidence AND Commentary</p> <p>(0-4 points)</p> <p>7.A</p> <p>7.C</p> <p>7.D</p> <p>7.E</p>	<p>0 points</p> <p>Simply restates thesis (if present), repeats provided information, or offers information irrelevant to the prompt.</p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>EVIDENCE:</p> <p>Provides evidence that is mostly general.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>COMMENTARY:</p> <p>Summarizes the evidence but does not explain how the evidence supports the student’s argument.</p>	<p>2 points</p> <p>EVIDENCE:</p> <p>Provides some specific relevant evidence.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>COMMENTARY:</p> <p>Explains how some of the evidence relates to the student’s argument, but no line of reasoning is established, or the line of reasoning is faulty.</p>	<p>3 points</p> <p>EVIDENCE:</p> <p>Provides specific evidence to support all claims in a line of reasoning.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>COMMENTARY:</p> <p>Explains how some of the evidence supports a line of reasoning.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Explains how at least one literary element or technique in the passage contributes to its meaning.</p>	<p>4 points</p> <p>EVIDENCE:</p> <p>Provides specific evidence to support all claims in a line of reasoning.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>COMMENTARY:</p> <p>Consistently explains how the evidence supports a line of reasoning.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Explains how multiple literary elements or techniques in the passage contribute to its meaning.</p>
<p>Row C</p> <p>Sophistication</p> <p>(0-1 points)</p> <p>7.C</p> <p>7.D</p> <p>7.E</p>	<p>0 points</p> <p>Does not meet the criteria for one point.</p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>Demonstrates sophistication of thought and/or develops a complex literary argument.</p> <p>Responses that earn this point may demonstrate a sophistication of thought or develop a complex literary argument by doing any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and exploring complexities or tensions within the passage. Illuminating the student’s interpretation by situating it within a broader context. Accounting for alternative interpretations of the passage. Employing a style that is consistently vivid and persuasive. <p><i>This point should be awarded only if the sophistication of thought or complex understanding is part of the student’s argument, not merely a phrase or reference.</i></p>			

Scoring Rubric for Question 3: Literary Argument (6 points)

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria				
Row A Thesis (0-1 points) 7.B	0 points For any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no defensible thesis. The intended thesis only restates the prompt. The intended thesis provides a summary of the issue with no apparent or coherent claim. There is a thesis, but it does not respond to the prompt. 			1 point Responds to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation of the selected work.	
Row B Evidence AND Commentary (0-4 points) 7.A 7.C 7.D 7.E	0 points Simply restates thesis (if present), repeats provided information, or offers information irrelevant to the prompt.	1 point EVIDENCE: Provides evidence that is mostly general. AND COMMENTARY: Summarizes the evidence but does not explain how the evidence supports the argument.	2 points EVIDENCE: Provides some specific relevant evidence. AND COMMENTARY: Explains how some of the evidence relates to the student’s argument, but no line of reasoning is established, or the line of reasoning is faulty.	3 points EVIDENCE: Provides specific evidence to support all claims in a line of reasoning. AND COMMENTARY: Explains how some of the evidence supports a line of reasoning.	4 points EVIDENCE: Provides specific evidence to support all claims in a line of reasoning. AND COMMENTARY: Consistently explains how the evidence supports a line of reasoning.
Row C Sophistication (0-1 points) 7.C 7.D 7.E	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Demonstrates sophistication of thought and/or develops a complex literary argument. Responses that earn this point may demonstrate a sophistication of thought or develop a complex literary argument by doing any of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and exploring complexities or tensions within the selected work. Illuminating the student’s interpretation by situating it within a broader context. Accounting for alternative interpretations of the text. Employing a style that is consistently vivid and persuasive. <p><i>This point should be awarded only if the sophistication of thought or complex understanding is part of the student’s argument, not merely a phrase or reference.</i></p>			