

4-point Short Answer Scoring Guide

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Wow!

- Analysis and presentation of information is consistent and very logically sequenced
- Ideas are tightly focused, on topic, and fully developed
- Word choice is sophisticated and contributes to a clear and convincing answer
- Exceptional spelling and grammar

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Strong!

- Analysis and presentation of information is well-organized and well sequenced
- Ideas are well focused, on topic, and well developed
- Word choice is compelling and contributes to a generally persuasive answer
- Virtually no spelling errors or grammatical errors

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Almost

- The presentation or analysis of information in the answer is illogical or insufficient
- The answer lacks focus, purpose, and development
- Language use in the answer is weak
- Occasional spelling errors or grammatical errors may negatively affect understanding

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Not Yet

- The answer may be limited in scope
- The answer does not address the question clearly, lacks focus and purpose
- Vocabulary is immature or vague; word choice is not appropriate
- Frequent spelling errors or grammatical errors make the answer virtually incoherent

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Not at All

- Answer is too brief to evaluate or not attempted at all