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**Writing Scoring Guide**

Writing Criteria Specific Elements Score

**Unity**  \_\_\_\_\_\_

Evident purpose, appropriate for assignment

Engaging and full development of a clear thesis

Clearly unified on the thesis

Adds value to target audience

Anticipates and answers reader’s questions

**Support**\_\_\_\_\_\_

Substantial, logical, concrete development of ideas

Main points sufficiently supported with specific evidence

Assumptions made explicit

**Organization**\_\_\_\_\_\_

Logical and effective sequencing of paragraphs

Ideas divided into logical paragraphs

Transitions showing relationship between points, why points

belong where they do

**Mechanics**

**and Style**Academic, professional, concise, creative, precise word choice

Varied sentence structures

Standard English throughout paper

Correct spelling and accurate punctuation

Grammar and usage contribute to clarity and style

**Professional**\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Standards** Uses sources to support, extend, inform, but not substitute

for development of writer’s own ideas

Combines material from a variety of appropriate sources

Appropriately selected quotations, not overused or too long

Consistently follows style guide

Correctly formatted citations appear when needed

Correctly formatted references page

**Discipline-Specific**\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Elements**

**Overall Score** \_\_\_\_\_\_