**HOLISTIC SCORING RUBRIC**

**OPEN-ENDED WRITING**

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| **CATEGORY / SCORE** | **4** | **ADVANCED PROFICIENT** | **3** | **PROFICIENT** | **2** | **PARTIAL PROFICIENT** | **1** | **BASIC** |
| **Restatement of Opening Statement**  **Value = 10%** | Student correctly restates opening statement with zero errors | | Student restates opening statement with almost no errors | | Student restates opening statement but with numerous errors | | Student does not restate opening statement | |
| **Answer to Question**  **Value = 20%** | Student provides an accurate and clear answer to the question; The question is clearly rephrased so the reader fully understands what the answer is in response to | | Student provides an accurate answer to the question;  The question is rephrased in a way that gives the reader some idea as to what the answer is in response to | | Student provides an answer to the question which may or may not be correct;  The question is not effectively rephrased, causing the reader confusion | | Student does not answer the question and/or is off task/topic | |
| **Citing Text Evidence**  **Value = 35%** | Student cites accurate and relevant evidence from the text;  Text evidence is clearly explained and supportive of the student’s answer | | Student cites evidence from the text;  Text evidence is somewhat explained as relevant and supportive of the student’s answer | | Student refers to evidence from the text but is not specific;  Text evidence is barely explained and does not support student’s answer | | Student does not cite or use any evidence from the text to support his or her answer | |
| **Extending Answer with Meaningful Connection**  **Value = 25%** | Student provides a clear and meaningful connection *(text to text, text to self, text to world or text to media)* that extends to aspects beyond the text | | Student provides a meaningful connection *(text to text, text to self, text to world or text to media)* that extends to aspects beyond the text;  Connection may not be clear | | Student tries to provide a connection *(text to text, text to self, text to world or text to media)* but it is unsuccessful and does not quite align with his/her answer and evidence | | Student does not provide any meaningful connections in his/her writing | |
| **Rephrase Answer for Closure Value = 10%** | Student clearly rephrases answer in a closing statement;  Student uses an acceptable concluding transition | | Student attempts closure by rephrasing answer, but it may be unclear  Student uses an acceptable concluding transition | | Student attempts closure by rephrasing answer, but it may be unclear  Student uses a concluding transition, but it may not be acceptable | | Student does not rephrase answer in a closing statement | |

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| **Student Score** | **Overall Student Score Key** | | | |
|  | 4+ = 100  4 = 95  4 – = 90 | 3+ = 88  3 = 84  3 – = 80 | 2+ = 78  2 = 74  2 – = 70 | 1+ = 68  1 = 64  1 – = 60 |