EPC Extemporaneous Writing Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Fair (3)	Needs Improvement (2)	Inadequate (1)
Thesis and Main Idea	- Exceptionally clear and focused thesis/main idea Insightful and original approach to the topic.	- Clear thesis/main idea with a thoughtful and well-develope d approach Demonstrates understanding of the topic.	- Adequate thesis/main idea with some development Shows a basic understanding of the topic.	- Vague or weak thesis/main idea Limited development of the main idea Struggles to convey a clear understanding of the topic.	- Lacks a discernible thesis/main idea Incoherent or unclear development of ideas Demonstrates a lack of understanding of the topic.
Organization	- Logical and seamless organization with a well-constructe d introduction, body, and conclusion Smooth transitions between ideas.	- Generally organized structure with a clear introduction, body, and conclusion Transitions between ideas are mostly smooth.	- Adequate organization with a discernible introduction, body, and conclusion Transitions are somewhat choppy.	- Limited organization with an unclear introduction, body, and conclusion Transitions between ideas are weak.	- Poor organization with little to no structure Incoherent transitions between ideas.

Content Development	- Exceptional depth and richness of content Provides insightful analysis and evidence to support points Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the topic.	- Good depth of content with relevant analysis and evidence Shows a solid understanding of the topic.	- Adequate content with some analysis and evidence Demonstrates a basic understanding of the topic.	- Limited content with weak analysis and evidence Struggles to convey a clear understanding of the topic.	- Minimal content with little to no analysis or evidence Demonstrates a lack of understanding of the topic.
Clarity and Style	- Exceptionally clear and engaging writing style Skillful use of language enhances the overall impact.	- Clear and engaging writing style Language use is effective in conveying ideas.	- Adequate clarity and style Language use is somewhat effective but may be repetitive or lack variety.	 Limited clarity and style. Language use is unclear or confusing. Lacks variety and impact. 	- Very poor clarity and style Incoherent writing with numerous errors Language use is confusing and detracts from understanding.

Grammar and Mechanics	- Exceptionally strong command of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Few to no errors.	- Good command of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Minor errors that do not detract from understanding .	- Adequate command of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Some errors that may slightly impede understanding.	- Limited command of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Numerous errors that hinder understanding .	- Very poor command of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Severe errors that significantly impede understanding.
Adherence to Prompt	- Demonstrates a clear understanding of the prompt and effectively addresses all aspects.	- Generally adheres to the prompt with minor deviations Addresses key aspects of the prompt.	- Partially adheres to the prompt with some deviations Addresses some aspects of the prompt.	- Struggles to adhere to the prompt with significant deviations Addresses a few aspects of the prompt.	- Does not adhere to the prompt Fails to address key aspects of the prompt.