

Criteria	Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Fair (3)	Needs Improvement (2)	Inadequate (1)
Thesis & Main Idea	Very clear, focused, and insightful thesis; original approach	Clear thesis with thoughtful development	Basic thesis with some development	Weak or unclear thesis; limited development	No clear thesis; ideas unclear or off-topic
Organization	Strong structure; logical flow; smooth transitions	Clear intro, body, conclusion; mostly smooth	Basic structure; transitions somewhat choppy	Weak structure; poor transitions	Disorganized; no coherent structure
Content Development	Deep, rich content; strong analysis and evidence	Good depth with relevant analysis and evidence	Adequate content; some analysis and evidence	Limited content; weak analysis	Minimal content; little or no analysis
Clarity & Style	Very clear and engaging; strong, effective language	Clear and engaging; effective language use	Generally clear; repetitive or plain language	Limited clarity; confusing or unclear style	Very unclear; incoherent; many errors

Grammar & Mechanics	Excellent grammar, punctuation, spelling; nearly error-free	Good command; minor errors	Some errors that slightly affect clarity	Frequent errors that hinder understanding	Severe errors that impede understanding
Adherence to Prompt	Fully addresses all parts of the prompt	Mostly addresses the prompt with minor gaps	Addresses key aspects	Partially addresses the prompt	Does not address prompt or misses major parts