
AP[®] Comparative Government and Politics

Scoring Rubric

Free-Response Question 4: Argument Essay

Effective **Fall 2019**

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5 points

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria		
<p>Row A</p> <p>Claim/Thesis (0-1 points)</p> <p>5.A</p>	<p>0 points</p>		<p>1 point</p> <p>Responds to the prompt with a defensible claim or thesis that establishes a line of reasoning.</p>
<p>Decision Rules and Scoring Notes</p>			
<p>Responses that do not earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The intended claim or thesis only restates the prompt. The intended claim or thesis does not make a claim that responds to the prompt. 		<p>Responses that earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The claim or thesis responds to the prompt rather than restating or rephrasing the prompt and establishes a line of reasoning. 	
<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The claim or thesis must consist of one or more sentences that may be located anywhere in the response. A claim or thesis that meets the criteria can be awarded the point whether or not the rest of the response successfully supports that line of reasoning. 			
<p>Row B</p> <p>Evidence (0-2 points)</p> <p>5.B</p>	<p>0 points</p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>Provides <u>one</u> piece of specific and relevant evidence from a course country relevant to one of the course concepts in the prompt.</p>	<p>2 points</p> <p>Provides <u>two</u> pieces of specific and relevant evidence from one or more course countries relevant to one or more of the course concepts in the prompt.</p>
<p>Decision Rules and Scoring Notes</p>			
<p>Responses that do not earn points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not provide any accurate evidence Provide general (not specific) evidence Provide evidence that is not relevant to the course concepts in the prompt 		<p>Responses that earn 1 or 2 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide specific and relevant evidence from required course countries, relevant to the course concepts in the prompt 	
<p>Additional Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanations of the relationship between the evidence and the claim or thesis are <u>not required</u> to earn points in Row B. 			

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<p>Row C Reasoning (0-1 points)</p> <p>5.C</p>	<p>0 points</p>	<p>1 point Explains how or why the evidence supports the claim or thesis</p>
	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes	
	<p>Responses that do not earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include evidence but offer no reasoning to connect the evidence to the claim or thesis • Restate the prompt without explaining how the evidence supports the claim or thesis 	<p>Responses that earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must explain the relationship between the evidence provided and the claim or thesis
<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To earn this point, the response must have a defensible claim or thesis (earned the point in Row A). • The explanation of the relationship between one piece of evidence and the claim or thesis is sufficient to earn this point. 		
<p>Row D Responds to Alternate Perspectives (0-1 points)</p> <p>5.D</p>	<p>0 points</p>	<p>1 point Responds to an opposing or alternate perspective using refutation, concession, or rebuttal</p>
	Decision Rules and Scoring Notes	
	<p>Responses that do not earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restate the opposite of the claim or thesis • May identify or describe an alternate perspective but do not refute, concede, or rebut that perspective to the provided claim or thesis 	<p>Responses that earn this point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must describe an alternate perspective AND refute, concede, or rebut that perspective
<p>Additional Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To earn this point, the response must have a defensible claim or thesis (earned the point in Row A). • Responses that demonstrate an incorrect understanding of the alternate perspective do not earn this point. 		