

AP Comparative Government and Politics

Scoring Rubric for 2020 Question 1: Argument Essay

7 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 (0-4 points)</p> <p>5.B</p>	<p>0 points</p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>Provides one piece of specific evidence from a course country, that is related to the topic of the prompt.</p> <p>2 points</p> <p>Provides at least two pieces of specific evidence from one or more course countries, that are related to the topic of the prompt.</p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>Provides one piece of evidence that is relevant to the course concept in the prompt.</p> <p>2 points</p> <p>Provides at least two pieces of evidence that are relevant to the course concept 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 concept in the prompt 		<p>Responses that earn 1 point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide one piece of accurate and specific evidence from a course country. The evidence provided must be related to the topic of the prompt. <p>Response that earn 2 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide two pieces of accurate and specific evidence from one or more course countries. The evidence provided must be related to the topic of the prompt. 	<p>Responses that earn 1 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide one piece of evidence that is relevant to the course concept in the prompt. The evidence provided must be from a course country. <p>Responses that earn 2 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide two pieces of evidence that are relevant to the course concept in the prompt. The evidence provided must be from one or more course countries.
<p>Additional Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses may earn points for both specificity and for relevance to the course concept using the same piece of evidence. Explanations of the relationship between the evidence and the claim or thesis are <u>not required</u> to earn points in Row B. 			

Two additional points have been added in Row B to award points for each piece of evidence based on:

- specificity
- relevance to the course concept in the prompt

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<p>Row C</p> <p>Reasoning (0-2 points)</p> <p>5.C</p>	<p>0 points</p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>Explains how or why one piece of evidence supports the claim or thesis</p> <p>2 points</p> <p>Explains how or why two pieces of evidence support the claim or thesis</p>
<p>Each piece of evidence that is supported with reasoning will earn one point (up to 2 pts)</p>	<p>Decision Rules and Scoring Notes</p>	
	<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 1 point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must explain the relationship between the evidence provided and the claim or thesis for at least one piece of evidence <p>Responses that earn 2 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must explain the relationship between the evidence provided and the claim or thesis for at least two pieces of evidence
	<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To earn one or two points, 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 one point. 	
<p>Additional Note: For 2020 only, Row D (Alternative Perspective) is not included and responses will not be awarded points for responding to alternative perspectives</p>		