

Rubric for Determination Tasks

SCORE	OVERALL DETERMINATION	USE OF EVIDENCE	ORGANIZATION	STYLE, VOICE, AND CLARITY	CONVENTIONS AND MECHANICS
5 Outstanding	A well-developed introduction presents a clear set of choices and makes a compelling case for a determination and determining factors	Ample and appropriately selected evidence effectively supports the determination throughout the response	Clear and consistent organization with well-executed transitions excellently supports the determination, including well-developed arguments and counterarguments as appropriate	The response is clear and original and employs appropriate stylistic elements for effect in an exceptional manner	Syntax, grammar, and conventions are correct and add to the effectiveness of the response
4 Exceeds Expectations	The introduction presents a set of choices and makes a case for a determination and determining factors	Appropriately selected evidence supports the determination throughout the response	The organization is clear and supports the determination; arguments and counterarguments are present when appropriate	The response is clear and employs appropriate stylistic elements for effect	Few or no errors are present in usage or syntax
3 Meets Expectations	The introduction presents a set of choices and makes an adequate but straightforward case for a determination and determining factors	Evidence adequately supports the determination but may demonstrate some inconsistencies in execution or application	The organization is adequate to the task of the determination but may be inconsistent	The response is mostly clear and adequately employs stylistic elements	Minor errors in usage or syntax may be present, but without repetition or undermining overall effectiveness
2 Approaching Expectations	The introduction does not make choices clear or may not make a clear case for a determination and determining factors	There is insufficient evidence to support the determination, or details are not always adequate to the task	Some flaws in organization or lack of clarity and transitions make the determination hard to follow; arguments and counterarguments may be unclear	The response may be unclear or misuses stylistic elements in ways that interfere with voice and meaning	Patterns of errors in usage or syntax undermine the effectiveness of the response
1 Well Below Expectations	The introduction is vague and insufficient to the task	Evidence and details are missing or insufficient to support the determination	The organization lacks focus and clarity; required elements such as arguments and counterarguments may be absent	The response is vague or lacks clarity; stylistic choices may confuse rather than enhance meaning	Significant errors in usage or syntax obscure the meaning and effectiveness of the response