

Grading Rubric for 20-Point Essays

Criterion	Student Demonstration Levels				Criterion Points
- 1 - Understanding	No Understanding to Incorrect Understanding	Correct Understanding with Insufficient Supporting Rationale	Correct Understanding with Sufficient Supporting Rationale	Correct Understanding with Excellent Supporting Rationale	5
- 2 - Critical Thinking	Critical Thinking not Evident - No Supporting Rationale	Weak Critical Thinking - Supporting Rationale is Flawed	Solid Critical Thinking – Logical Supporting Rationale	Excellent Critical Thinking – Excellent Supporting Rationale	5
- 3 - Key Concepts & Terms	Key Course Concepts and Terms Not Used, or Used Incorrectly	Key Course Concepts and Terms Used Incorrectly or Seldom Used Correctly	Key Course Concepts and Terms Used Sufficiently Throughout Answers	Key Course Concepts and Terms Used Correctly and Exceptionally Well Throughout Answers	5
- 4 - Writing	Ineffective Introduction, Body, or Conclusion; Gross Grammar, Word Choice, Sentence Structure, Spelling, or Punctuation Errors	Appropriate Introduction, Body, and Conclusion; Frequent Grammar, Word Choice, Sentence Structure, Spelling, or Punctuation Errors	Appropriate Introduction, Body, and Conclusion; Few Grammar, Word Choice, Sentence Structure, Spelling, or Punctuation Errors	Excellent Introduction, Body, and Conclusion; No Grammar, Word Choice, Sentence Structure, Spelling, or Punctuation Errors	5
Total Possible Points					20