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|  | Mastery  | Developing | Novice | Does Not Meet Expectations |
| Assertion | Topic/Position clearly stated | Topic/Position clearly stated | Topic/Position clearly stated | No Topic Statement or Position |
| Evidence | Appropriate examples Writing is clear, coherent | Examples provided, but could be stronger or tied to sentence topic better | One example provided Not clearly tied to sentence topicExample is weak | Concepts not clearContent is inaccurateQuestion not  answered |
| Content & Commentary | Concepts are clearContent is accurate Writing is coherentExcellent organization of ideas  | Concepts are generally clearIdeas are not fully expressedWriting is generally coherentVocabulary can be improvedOrganization of ideas is good | Concepts are not clearly explainedIdeas need more developmentContent is generally accurate but lacks some clarityVocabulary needs improvement Organization of ideas needs  improvement | No examples providedOrInappropriate examples |
| Grammar | No errors in:Capitalization of proper nounsSentence structure sound &  variedPronoun usageVerb agreementTransitions | One or two errors in:Sentence structure generally  sound & variedPronoun usageVerb agreementTransitions present but need  more | Three errors in:Sentence structure weak or not variedPronoun usageVerb agreementTransitions lacking or ineffective | Does not capitalize all proper nounsDoes not write in complete sentencesMore than three grammatical errors |