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Overall Impression	Demonstrates excellent control of the literature and outstanding writing competence; thorough and effective; incisive	Demonstrates good control of the literature and good writing competence; less thorough and incisive than the highest papers	Reveals simplistic thinking and/or immature writing; adequate skills	Incomplete thinking; fails to respond adequately to part or parts of the question; may paraphrase rather than analyze	Unacceptably brief; fails to respond to the question; little clarity	Lacking skill and competence
Understanding of the Text	Excellent understanding of the text; exhibits perception and clarity; original or unique approach; includes apt and specific references	Good understanding of the text; exhibits perception and clarity; includes specific references	Superficial understanding of the text; elements of literature vague, mechanical, over-generalized	Misreadings and lack of persuasive evidence from the text; meager and unconvincing treatment of literary elements	Serious misreadings and little supporting evidence from the text; erroneous treatment of literary elements	A response with no more than a reference to the literature; blank response; or one completely off the topic
Organization and Development	Meticulously organized and thoroughly developed; coherent and unified	Well organized and developed; coherent and unified	Reasonably organized and developed; mostly coherent and unified	Somewhat organized and developed; some incoherence and lack of unity	Little or no organization and development; incoherent and void of unity	No apparent organization or development; incoherent
Use of Sentences	Effectively varied and engaging; virtually error free	Varied and interesting; a few errors	Adequately varied; some errors	Somewhat varied and marginally interesting; one or more major errors	Little or no variation; dull and uninteresting; some major errors	Numerous major errors
Word Choice	Interesting and effective; virtually error free	Generally interesting and effective; a few errors	Occasionally interesting and effective; several errors	Somewhat dull and ordinary; some errors in diction	Mostly dull and conventional; numerous errors	Numerous major errors; extremely immature
Grammar and Usage	Virtually error free	Occasional minor errors	Several minor errors	Some major errors	Severely flawed; frequent major errors	Extremely flawed

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