

## PSSA TEXT-DEPENDENT ANALYSIS SCORING GUIDELINES

| Score Point | Description  | Score Point | Description  |
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| 4           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectively addresses all parts of the task demonstrating in-depth analytic understanding of the text(s)</li> <li>Effective introduction, development, and conclusion identifying an opinion, topic, or controlling idea related to the text(s)</li> <li>Strong organizational structure that effectively supports the focus and ideas</li> <li>Thorough analysis of explicit and implicit meanings from text(s) to effectively support claims, opinions, ideas and inferences</li> <li>Substantial, accurate, and direct reference to the text(s) using relevant key details, examples, quotes, facts, and/or definitions</li> <li>Substantial reference to the main idea(s) and relevant key details of the text(s) to support the writer's purpose</li> <li>Skillful use of transitions to link ideas</li> <li>Effective use of precise language and domain-specific vocabulary drawn from the text(s) to explain the topic and/or to convey experiences/events</li> <li>Few errors, if any, are present in sentence formation, grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation; errors present do not interfere with meaning</li> </ul> | 2           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inconsistently addresses some parts of the task demonstrating partial analytic understanding of the text(s)</li> <li>Weak introduction, development, and/or conclusion identifying an opinion, topic, or controlling idea somewhat related to the text(s)</li> <li>Weak organizational structure that inconsistently supports the focus and ideas</li> <li>Weak or inconsistent analysis of explicit and/or implicit meanings from text(s) that somewhat supports claims, opinions, ideas, and inferences</li> <li>Vague reference to the text(s) using some details, examples, quotes, facts, and/or definitions</li> <li>Weak reference to the main idea(s) and relevant details of the text(s) to support the writer's purpose</li> <li>Inconsistent use of transitions to link ideas</li> <li>Inconsistent use of precise language and domain-specific vocabulary drawn from the text(s) to explain the topic and/or to convey experiences/events</li> <li>Errors may be present in sentence formation, grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation; errors present may interfere with meaning</li> </ul> |
| 3           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequately addresses all parts of the task demonstrating sufficient analytic understanding of the text(s)</li> <li>Clear introduction, development, and conclusion identifying an opinion, topic, or controlling idea related to the text(s)</li> <li>Appropriate organizational structure that adequately supports the focus and ideas</li> <li>Clear analysis of explicit and implicit meanings from text(s) to support claims, opinions, ideas, and inferences</li> <li>Sufficient, accurate, and direct reference to the text(s) using relevant details, examples, quotes, facts, and/or definitions</li> <li>Sufficient reference to the main idea(s) and relevant key details of the text(s) to support the writer's purpose</li> <li>Appropriate use of transitions to link ideas</li> <li>Appropriate use of precise language and domain-specific vocabulary drawn from the text(s) to explain the topic and/or to convey experiences/events</li> <li>Some errors may be present in sentence formation, grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation; errors present seldom interfere with meaning</li> </ul>                    | 1           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimally addresses part(s) of the task demonstrating inadequate analytic understanding of the text(s)</li> <li>Minimal evidence of an introduction, development, and/or conclusion</li> <li>Minimal evidence of an organizational structure</li> <li>Insufficient or no analysis of the text(s); may or may not support claims, opinions, ideas, and inferences</li> <li>Insufficient reference to the text(s) using few details, examples, quotes, facts, and/or definitions</li> <li>Minimal reference to the main idea(s) and/or relevant details of the text(s)</li> <li>Few, if any, transitions to link ideas</li> <li>Little or no use of precise language or domain-specific vocabulary drawn from the text(s)</li> <li>Many errors may be present in sentence formation, grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation; errors present often interfere with meaning</li> </ul>  |