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COMPONENT 3: Essay

	Language (out of 24)		Content (out of 16)
21–24	Very good	14–16	Very good
	Confident use of complex sentence patterns, generally accurate, extensive vocabulary, good sense of idiom.		Detailed, clearly relevant and well illustrated; coherently argued and structured.
16–20	Good	11–13	Good
	Generally sound grasp of grammar in spite of quite a few lapses; reads reasonably; some attempt at varied vocabulary.		Sound knowledge and generally relevant; some ability to develop argument and draw conclusions.
10–15	Adequate	7–10	Adequate
	A tendency to be simple, clumsy or laboured; some degree of accuracy; inappropriate use of idiom.		Some knowledge, but not always relevant; a more limited capacity to argue.
5–9	Poor	3–6	Poor
	Consistently simple or pedestrian sentence patterns with persistent errors; limited vocabulary.		Some attempt at argument, tends to be sketchy or unspecific; little attempt to structure an argument; major misunderstanding of question.
0–4	Very poor	0–2	Very poor
	Only the simplest sentence patterns, little evidence of grammatical awareness, very limited vocabulary.		Vague and general, ideas presented at random.