

## SCORING GUIDE FOR PROSE (PART C)

**This is a first-draft response and should be assessed as such. The use of paragraph structure is assessed holistically with reference to the clarity of expression and organization.**

### 6 Answer

The six essay is superior and may draw upon any number of factors, such as depth of discussion, effectiveness of argument, or level of insight. This essay exhibits an effective writing style and a sophisticated use of language. Despite its clarity and precision, the response need not be error-free.

### 5 Answer

The five essay is proficient and reflects a strong grasp of the topic and the text. The references to the text may be explicit or implicit and convincingly support a thesis. The writing is well organized and demonstrates a strong command of the conventions of language. Errors may be present, but are not distracting.

### 4 Answer

The four essay is competent. The assertions in the four essay tend to be simplistic; there are no significant errors in understanding. References are present and appropriate, but may be limited to only part of the text. The writing is organized and straightforward. Conventions of language are usually followed, but some errors are evident.

### 3 Answer

The three essay is barely adequate. Understanding of the topic and/or the text may be partially flawed. Support may consist of long references to the text which are not clearly connected to a central idea or may be meagre or repetitive. The essay may show some sense of purpose, but errors may impede meaning.

### 2 Answer

The two essay is inadequate. Understanding of the topic or the text is seriously flawed. There may be a misunderstanding of the task. Errors are recurring, distracting, and impede meaning.

### 1 Answer

The one essay is unacceptable. The response does not meet the purpose of the task or may be too brief to address the topic. There is a serious lack of control in the writing which renders the paper, at times, unintelligible.

### 0 Answer

The zero response reflects a complete misunderstanding of the prose and/or the task, is written in verse, is off-topic, or is a restatement of the question.

\*Any zero paper must be cleared by the section leader.

### NR

A blank paper with no response given.