**OSSLT Scoring Guide**

**Reading---Open Response**

**Code Descriptor**

**Blank** nothing written or drawn in the lined space provided.

**Illegible** An illegible response cannot be read.

An inappropriate response comments on the task (e.g., I don’t care.).

**Off topic/**

**Incorrect** A typical off-topic and incorrect response provides an incorrect answer based on a misunderstanding of the question

**OR**

the reading selection restates the question.

provides support/reason/explanation not consistent with the reading selection comments on the topic of the selection.

**10** Response attempts to answer the question with no opinion

**OR**

no support to explain the opinion

**OR**

supports the opinion with irrelevant reason/information from the from the selection and/or own ideas

**20**

Response provides an opinion that is consistent with the information in the reading selection, but provides vague support to explain the opinion. The response usually requires the reader to make the connection between the support and what it is intended to prove.

**30**

Response provides an opinion and uses specific and relevant support from the selection to clearly explain the opinion.

**MAXIMUM POINTS = 30**

**Short Writing Task**

***Short Writing Task---Content (Topic Development)***

**Code Descriptor**

**Blank:**  nothing written or drawn in the lined space provided

**Illegible** An illegible response cannot be read.

An inappropriate response comments on the task (e.g., I don’t know*.*).

**Off topic** A typical off-topic response

• does not identify an opinion in relation to the question

**OR**

• is not specific to the question

**OR**

• comments on the topic of the question.

**Code 10** Response provides at least one reason but does not provide an explanation of the reason

**OR**

the explanation of the reason is irrelevant

**OR**

the explanation of the reason is not unique to the situation.

**Code 20** Response provides at least one reason, but the explanation is vague.

The response usually requires the reader to make the connection between the

main idea and the support.

**Code 30** Response clearly explains at least one reason while providing specific and relevant details as support.

***Short Writing Task---Writing Conventions***

**Code Use of Conventions**

**Code 10** • errors in conventions distract from communication

**Code 20** • errors in conventions do not distract from communication

**MAXIMUM POINTS = 50**

**(30 Topic Development & 20 Writing Conventions)**

**Writing a News Report**

Writing a News Report (Topic Development)

**Code Descriptor**

**Blank** The page is blank with nothing written or drawn in the space provided.

**Illegible** The response is illegible or irrelevant to the prompt.

**Off topic** The response is off topic.

**Code 10** The response is related to headline and/or photo but is not a news report.

**OR**

The response is a news report related to the headline and/or photo. It identifies an event, but provides no supporting details, or provides details that are unrelated to the event. There is no evidence of organization.

**Code 20** The response is related to headline and/or photo but only partly in the form of a news report.

**OR**

The response is a news report related to the headline and/or photo, but the focus on an event is unclear or inconsistent. There are insufficient supporting details: too few or repetitious. There is limited evidence of organization.

**Code 30** The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear focus on an event. There are insufficient and/or vague supporting details or the connection of the details to the event is not always clear. There is evidence of organization, but lapses distract from the overall communication.

**Code 40** The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear and consistent focus on an event. There are sufficient supporting details, however, only some are specific. The organization is mechanical and any lapses do not distract from the overall communication.

**Code 50** The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear and consistent focus on an event. There are sufficient specific supporting details to develop the news report. The organization is logical.

**Code 60** The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear and consistent focus on an event. There are sufficient specific supporting details, which are thoughtfully chosen to develop the news report. The organization is coherent demonstrating a thoughtful progression of ideas.

Writing a News Report (Writing Conventions)

**Code Descriptor**

**Code 10** There is insufficient evidence to assess the use of conventions.

**OR**

Errors in conventions interfere with communication.

**Code 20** Errors in conventions distract from communication.

**Code 30** Errors in conventions do not distract from communication.

**Code 40** Control of conventions is evident in written work.

**MAXIMUM POINTS = 100**

**(60 Topic Development & 40 Writing Conventions)**

Series of Opinion Paragraphs (Topic Development)

**Series of Opinion Paragraphs**

**Code Descriptor**

**Blank** The pages are blank with nothing written or drawn in the space provided.

**Illegible** The response is illegible, or irrelevant to the prompt.

**Off topic** The response is off topic.

**Code 10** The response is related to the prompt but does not express an opinion.

**OR**

The response expresses an opinion with no supporting details or provides details unrelated to the opinion. There is no evidence of organization.

**Code 20** The response is related to the prompt, but only part of the response expresses and supports an opinion.

**OR**

The response is related to the prompt, and expresses and supports an opinion, but the opinion is unclear or inconsistent. There are insufficient supporting details: too few or repetitious. There is limited evidence of organization.

**Code 30** The response is related to the prompt and expresses a clear opinion. There are

insufficient and/or vague supporting details or the connection of the details to the opinion is not always clear. There is evidence of organization, but lapses distract from the overall communication.

**Code 40** The response is related to the prompt. A clear and consistent opinion is developed with sufficient supporting details, however only some are specific. The organization is mechanical and any lapses do not distract from the overall communication.

**Code 50** The response is related to the prompt. A clear and consistent opinion is developed with sufficient specific supporting details. The organization is logical.

**Code 60** The response is related to the assigned prompt. A clear and consistent opinion is developed with sufficient specific supporting details that are thoughtfully chosen. The organization is coherent demonstrating a thoughtful progression of ideas.

Series of Opinion Paragraphs (Writing Conventions)

**Code Descriptor**

**Code 10** There is insufficient evidence to assess the use of conventions.

**OR**

Errors in conventions interfere with communication.

**Code 20** Errors in conventions distract from communication.

**Code 30** Errors in conventions do not distract from communication.

**Code 40** Control of conventions is evident in written work.

**MAXIMUM POINTS = 100**

**(60 Topic Development & 40 Writing Conventions)**