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- Thorough discussions; a full & balanced response to the question
- Uses nearly all documents
- Incorporates accurate & relevant outside information
- Contains no significant factual errors or misinterpretation of documents
- Presents analysis which reflects understanding of complex issues
- Recognizes patterns & distinctions, draws conclusions, & evaluates relative importance
- Recognizes point of view where applicable
- Writes a well developed essay consistently demonstrating clear & logical organization, including a strong introduction & conclusion and a clearly stated thesis

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- A good response, but may be unevenly developed
- Uses most of the documents
- Includes some supplementary information
- Contains mostly accurate information and interpretation of documents
- Shows some understanding/ analysis of complex issues
- Evaluates evidence & formulates generally accurate conclusions
- Well developed essay demonstrating clear plan of organization including a strong introduction & conclusion and a general thesis

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- Competent response to the question
- Uses some of the documents
- Contains little or no supplementary information
- Attempts to formulate some conclusions: may contain some factual errors
- Essay may be unevenly developed with a general plan of organization
- Thesis missing, merely restates question or task

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- An incomplete response
- Uses little information from the documents
- No supplemental information
- Draws vague conclusions; many serious errors
- Writes a poorly organized essay lacking focus, vague or missing introduction or conclusion

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- Confused response
- No use of documents
- Misunderstands the question and/or responds in a dazed & vague manner
- Essay demonstrates major weakness in organization, vague or missing introduction or conclusion