



Preparation Manual

English Language Arts and Reading 7–12 (231)

Overview and Exam Framework

Sample Selected-Response Questions

Sample Selected-Response Answers and Rationales

Sample Literary Analysis Question

Sample Writing Assessment and Pedagogy Question

Combined Score Descriptions

After applying the task-level rubrics to the three task responses, the rater will add together the points earned for each of the three task responses to determine the combined score (0–6) for the writing assessment and pedagogy question.

6	A combined score of 6 is awarded when all three task responses earn full credit.
5	A combined score of 5 is awarded when any two task responses earn full credit and the other task response earns partial credit.
4	<p>A combined score of 4 is awarded when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any two task responses earn full credit and the remaining task response earns no credit; <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any one task response earns full credit and the other two task responses earn partial credit.
3	<p>A combined score of 3 is awarded when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any one task response earns full credit, another task response earns partial credit, and the remaining task response earns no credit; <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all three task responses earn partial credit.
2	<p>A combined score of 2 is awarded when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any one task response earns full credit and the other two task responses earn no credit; <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any two task responses earn partial credit and the remaining task response earns no credit.
1	A combined score of 1 is awarded when any one task response earns partial credit and the other two task responses earn no credit.
0	<p>A combined score of 0 is awarded when at least one of the three task responses attempts to respond to the assigned task but all three task responses earn no credit.</p> <p>A score of 0 will also be assigned when all three task responses are not scorable. A response is considered not scorable when it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completely blank; • off topic/off task; • primarily in a language other than English; or • too short or does not contain a sufficient amount of original work to score.