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Scoring Criteria

Organization

The response:

- Maintains consistent focus on the topic, purpose, or main idea
- Has a logical organizational pattern that lists reasons
- Uses linking words to connect opinions and reasons
- Provides a concluding statement or section
- Uses appropriate word choices for the intended audience and purpose

Evidence and Elaboration

The response:

- Provides reasons

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Organization

The response:

- Maintains some focus on the topic, purpose, or main idea; may have lapses
- Shows an uneven organizational pattern with few reasons to support the opinion
- Provides weak or inconsistent linking words between the opinion and reasons
- Provides a weak concluding statement or section
- Has a limited and predictable vocabulary that may not be consistently appropriate for the intended audience and purpose

Evidence and Elaboration

The response:

- Provides mostly general details or evidence, but may include extraneous or loosely related details

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Organization

The response:

- Demonstrates little or no focus
- Has little evidence of an organizational pattern
- Provides poorly utilized or no linking words
- Does not include a concluding statement or section
- Has an inappropriate vocabulary for the intended audience and purpose

Evidence and Elaboration

The response:

- Includes few supporting details that may be vague, repetitive, or incorrect or that may interfere with the meaning of the text

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