**THEMATIC ESSAY**

**SCORING RUBRIC**

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• Shows a thorough understanding of the theme

• Addresses all aspects of the task

• Shows an ability to analyze, evaluate, compare, and/or contrast issues and events

• Richly supports essay with relevant facts, examples, and details

• Writes a well-developed essay, consistently demonstrating a logical and clear plan of organization

• Includes a strong introduction and conclusion

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• Shows a good understanding of the theme

• Addresses all aspects of the task

• Shows an ability to analyze, evaluate, compare, and/or contrast issues and events

• Includes relevant facts, examples, and details, but may not support all aspects of the task evenly

• Writes a well-developed essay, demonstrating a logical and clear plan of organization

• Includes a good introduction and conclusion

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• Presents a satisfactory understanding of the theme

• Addresses most aspects of the task or addresses all aspects in a limited way

• Shows an ability to analyze or evaluate issues and events, but not in any depth

• Writes a satisfactorily developed essay, demonstrating a general plan of organization

• Uses some facts, examples, and details

• Restates the theme in the introduction and concludes with a simple restatement of the theme

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• Attempts to address the theme, but uses vague and/or inaccurate information

• Develops a faulty analysis or evaluation of theme

• Writes a poorly organized essay lacking focus; uses few facts, examples, and details; and includes

information that contains inaccuracies

• Has vague or missing introduction and/or conclusion

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• Shows limited understanding of the theme; omits concrete examples; uses weak details or none at all

• Lacks an analysis or evaluation of the issues and events beyond stating vague and/or inaccurate facts

• Attempts to complete the task, but demonstrates a major weakness in organization

• Uses little or no accurate or relevant facts, details, or examples

• Has vague or missing introduction and/or conclusion

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• Fails to address the theme

• Is illegible

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