

# English II — Reading

Short Answer Rubric Single Selection

## Score Point 0 — Insufficient Response to the Question

#### Insufficient responses indicate a very limited reading performance.

These responses have one of the following problems.

- □ The idea is not an answer to the question asked.
- □ The idea is incorrect because it is not based on the text.
- □ The idea is too general, vague, or unclear to determine whether it is reasonable.
- No idea is present. Sometimes the response contains only text evidence. At other times there appears to be an idea; however, this idea cannot be considered an answer to the question because it merely repeats verbatim, or "echoes," the text evidence.

## Score Point 1 — Partially Sufficient Response to the Question

#### Partially sufficient responses indicate a basic reading performance.

These responses have one of the following characteristics.

- □ The idea is reasonable, but the response contains no text evidence.
- □ The idea is reasonable, but the text evidence is flawed and does not adequately support the idea. Text evidence is considered inadequate when it is
  - o only a general reference to the text,
  - o too partial to support the idea,
  - o weakly linked to the idea, or
  - used inappropriately because it wrongly manipulates the meaning of the text.
- □ The idea needs more explanation or specificity even though it is supported with text evidence.
- □ The idea represents only a literal reading of the text, with or without text evidence.

## Score Point 2 — Sufficient Response to the Question

#### Sufficient responses indicate a satisfactory reading performance.

These responses have the following characteristics.

- □ The idea is reasonable and goes beyond a literal reading of the text. It is explained specifically enough to show that the student can make appropriate connections across the text and draw valid conclusions.
- □ The text evidence used to support the idea is accurate and relevant.
- □ The idea and text evidence used to support it are clearly linked.
- □ The combination of the idea and the text evidence demonstrates a good understanding of the text.

### Score Point 3 — Exemplary Response to the Question

#### Exemplary responses indicate an accomplished reading performance.

These responses have the following characteristics.

- □ The idea is perceptive and reflects an awareness of the complexities of the text. The student is able to develop a coherent explanation of the idea by making discerning connections across the text.
- ☐ The text evidence used to support the idea is specific and well chosen. Overall, the evidence strongly supports the validity of the idea.
- □ The combination of the idea and the text evidence demonstrates a deep understanding of the text.