

New Jersey Registered Holistic Scoring Rubric - GEPA/HSPA

In Scoring, consider the grid of written language	Inadequate Command	Limited Command	Partial Command	Adequate Command	Strong Command	Superior Command
Score	1	2	3	4	5	6
Content & Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May lack opening and/or closing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May lack opening and/or closing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May lack opening and/or closing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally has opening and/or closing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and closing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and closing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal response to topic; uncertain focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts to focus • May drift or shift focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually has single focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single focus • Sense of unity and coherence • Key ideas developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single, distinct focus • Unified and coherent • Well-developed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No planning evident; disorganized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts organization • Few, if any, transitions between ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some lapses or flaws in organization • May lack some transitions between ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas loosely connected • Transition evident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logical progression of ideas • Moderately fluent • Attempts compositional risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logical progression of ideas • Fluent, cohesive • Compositional risks successful
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details random, inappropriate, or barely apparent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details lack elaboration, i.e., highlight paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repetitious details • Several unelaborated details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uneven development of details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details appropriate and varied 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details effective, vivid, explicit, and/or pertinent
Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No apparent control • Severe/ numerous errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Errors/patterns of errors may be evident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some errors that do not interfere with meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very few, if any, errors
Sentence Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assortment of incomplete and/or incorrect sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive monotony/same structure • Numerous errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little variety in syntax • Some errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some errors that do not interfere with meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very few, if any, errors
Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Errors so severe they detract from meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous serious errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patterns of errors evident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No consistent pattern of errors • Some errors that do not interfere with meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very few, if any, errors

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Content & Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicates intended message to intended audience • Relates to topic • Opening and closing • Focused • Logical progression of ideas • Transitions • Appropriate details and information
Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tense formation • Subject-verb agreement • Pronouns usage/agreement • Word choice/meaning • Proper modifiers
Sentence Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety of type, structure, and length • Correct construction
Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling • Capitalization • Punctuation

Non-Scorable Responses

Non-Scorable Responses	NR = No Response	Student wrote too little to allow reliable judgement of his/her writing.
	OT = Off Topic/ Off Task	Student did not write on the assigned topic/task, or the student attempted to copy the prompt.
	NE = Not English	Student wrote in a language other than English.
	WF = Wrong Format	Student refused to write on the topic, or the writing task folder was blank.

