

## Exhibit 9.1 SAT Scoring Guide

Score of 6	Score of 5	Score of 4
<p>An essay in this category demonstrates <i>clear and consistent mastery</i>, although it may have a few minor errors. A typical essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>effectively and insightfully develops a point of view on the issue and demonstrates outstanding critical thinking, using clearly appropriate examples, reasons and other evidence to support its position</li> <li>is well organized and clearly focused, demonstrating clear coherence and smooth progression of ideas</li> <li>exhibits skillful use of language, using a varied, accurate and apt vocabulary</li> <li>demonstrates meaningful variety in sentence structure</li> <li>is free of most errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics</li> </ul>	<p>An essay in this category demonstrates <i>reasonably consistent mastery</i>, although it will have occasional errors or lapses in quality. A typical essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>effectively develops a point of view on the issue and demonstrates strong critical thinking, generally using appropriate examples, reasons and other evidence to support its position</li> <li>is well organized and focused, demonstrating coherence and progression of ideas</li> <li>exhibits facility in the use of language, using appropriate vocabulary</li> <li>demonstrates variety in sentence structure</li> <li>is generally free of most errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics</li> </ul>	<p>An essay in this category demonstrates <i>adequate mastery</i>, although it will have lapses in quality. A typical essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develops a point of view on the issue and demonstrates competent critical thinking, using adequate examples, reasons and other evidence to support its position</li> <li>is generally organized and focused, demonstrating some coherence and progression of ideas</li> <li>exhibits adequate but inconsistent facility in the use of language, using generally appropriate vocabulary</li> <li>demonstrates some variety in sentence structure</li> <li>has some errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics</li> </ul>
Score of 3	Score of 2	Score of 1
<p>An essay in this category demonstrates <i>developing mastery</i>, and is marked by ONE OR MORE of the following weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develops a point of view on the issue, demonstrating some critical thinking, but may do so inconsistently or use inadequate examples, reasons or other evidence to support its position</li> <li>is limited in its organization or focus, or may demonstrate some lapses in coherence or progression of ideas</li> <li>displays developing facility in the use of language, but sometimes uses weak vocabulary or inappropriate word choice</li> <li>lacks variety or demonstrates problems in sentence structure</li> <li>contains an accumulation of errors in grammar, usage and mechanics</li> </ul>	<p>An essay in this category demonstrates <i>little mastery</i>, and is flawed by ONE OR MORE of the following weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develops a point of view on the issue that is vague or seriously limited, and demonstrates weak critical thinking, providing inappropriate or insufficient examples, reasons, or other evidence to support its position</li> <li>is poorly organized and/or focused, or demonstrates serious problems with coherence or progression of ideas</li> <li>displays very little facility in the use of language, using very limited vocabulary or incorrect word choice</li> <li>demonstrates frequent problems in sentence structure</li> <li>contains errors in grammar, usage and mechanics so serious that meaning is somewhat obscured</li> </ul>	<p>An essay in this category demonstrates <i>very little or no mastery</i>, and is severely flawed by ONE OR MORE of the following weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develops no viable point of view on the issue, or provides little or no evidence to support its position</li> <li>is disorganized or unfocused, resulting in a disjointed or incoherent essay</li> <li>displays fundamental errors in vocabulary</li> <li>demonstrates severe flaws in sentence structure</li> <li>contains pervasive errors in grammar, usage or mechanics that persistently interfere with meaning</li> </ul>
<p><b>Essays not written on the essay assignment will receive a score of zero.</b></p>		