

POLICE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE COMPOSITION

SCORING GUIDE Revised 9/2015

Mechanics/Format:	Content
<p>90-100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strong and effective use of the standard punctuation, spelling, and usage conventions - Clear focus and thoughtful organization - Well-developed ideas with vivid or accurate supporting details 	<p>90-100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exceptionally clear, focused and interesting - Original/creative presentation of topic - Thorough, balanced, in-depth explanation or exploration of the topic - The writer makes connections and shares insights
<p>80-89</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Few punctuation, spelling and usage errors which do not interfere with readability - Focused and organized - Minor lapses in supporting details and/or accuracy 	<p>80-89</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear, focused and interesting - Good reasoning and thought in presenting the topic - Thorough and balanced explanation or exploration of the topic - The writer makes connections and shares insights
<p>70-79</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some errors in punctuation, spelling and usage which interfere with readability - Slight loss of focus or organization - Insufficient supporting details and/or accuracy 	<p>70-79</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main ideas are understood, but presented in overly broad or simplistic fashion - Predictable presentation of topic - Topic is explored/explained, although details may occasionally be out of balance with the main idea(s) - Some connections and insights may be present
<p>69 or below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frequent & significant punctuation, spelling and usage errors which significantly impede readability - Many ideas without focus or organization - Insufficient supporting details and accuracy 	<p>69 or below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main ideas and purpose are unclear or minimally developed - Predictable presentation which lacks insight and reasoning - Irrelevant details that are off topic and clutter the paper - Details may not be based on credible resources, but on clichés, stereotypes or questionable sources of information

All papers must have a combined mechanics/format and content score of at least 70%. The total grade is based on the following weighted scale: Mechanics/Format: 40% of the grade; Content: 60% of the grade. A paper with a combined grade of less than 70% will need to be re-written to receive credit.