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SCORE	DESCRIPTION	TASK COMPLETION*	TOPIC DEVELOPMENT*	LANGUAGE USE*
5 Demonstrates excellence	HIGH A writing sample that <i>demonstrates</i> <i>excellence</i> in Presentational Writing accomplishes the following:	 Fully addresses and completes the task Refers to and integrates well all sources into the essay 	 Treatment of the topic is relevant and thorough Essay is very well organized and cohesive All or almost all information is accurate Synthesis of information significantly outweighs summary or mere citations Accurate social and/or cultural references included 	 Control of a variety of structures and idioms; occasional errors may occur, but there is no pattern Rich, precise, idiomatic vocabulary; ease of expression Excellent command of conventions of the written language (orthography, sentence structure, paragraphing, and punctuation) Register is highly appropriate
4 Demonstrates command	MID-HIGH A writing sample that <i>demonstrates</i> <i>command</i> in Presentational Writing accomplishes the following:	 Appropriately addresses and completes the task Refers to and integrates all sources into the essay 	 Treatment of the topic is relevant and well developed Essay is well organized and generally cohesive Information is generally accurate Synthesis of information outweighs summary or mere citations Generally accurate social and/or cultural references included 	 Evidence of control of a variety of structures and idioms, although a few grammatical errors may occur; good to very good control of elementary structures Considerable breadth of vocabulary Conventions of the written language (orthography, sentence structure, paragraphing, and punctuation) are generally correct Register is appropriate
3 Demonstrates competence	MID A writing sample that <i>demonstrates</i> <i>competence</i> in Presentational Writing accomplishes the following:	 Addresses and completes the task Refers to most if not all of the sources in the essay 	 Treatment of the topic is relevant Essay is organized, with adequate cohesiveness Information is generally accurate, although there may be some inaccuracy or lack of precision Summary or mere citations of information may outweigh synthesis Generally appropriate social and/or cultural references included 	 Errors may occur in a variety of structures Appropriate vocabulary, but may have occasional interference from another language May have errors in conventions of the written language (orthography, sentence structure, paragraphing, and punctuation) Register is generally appropriate
2 Suggests lack of competence	MID-LOW A writing sample that suggests lack of competence in Presentational Writing can be described as follows:	 Partially addresses and/or completes the task May only refer to some but not all of the sources in the essay 	 Treatment of the topic may be somewhat irrelevant Essay may be inadequately organized Information may be limited or inaccurate There is little synthesis of the information Inaccurate social and/or cultural references may be included 	 Frequent grammatical errors may occur even in elementary structures; there may be some redeeming features, such as correct advanced structures Limited vocabulary; frequent interference from another language may occur Frequent errors in conventions of the written language (orthography, sentence structure, paragraphing, and punctuation) may be present Register may be inappropriate
1 Demonstrates lack of competence	LOW A writing sample that <i>demonstrates lack of</i> <i>competence</i> in Presentational Writing can be described as follows:	 Does not complete the task Refers poorly to only one or two of the sources in the essay 	 Treatment of the topic is somewhat irrelevant Essay may be disorganized Information is very limited and mainly inaccurate There may be no synthesis of information Inaccurate social and/or cultural references included 	 Numerous grammatical errors impede communication Insufficient vocabulary; constant interference from another language Pervasive errors in conventions of the written language (orthography, sentence structure, paragraphing, and punctuation) may interfere with written communication Minimal to no attention to register
0	An essay that receives this score may be blank, off task, completely irrelevant to the topic, written in a language other than Spanish, or a mere restatement or rewriting of the topic or information in the sources; or, it may not provide sufficient language to evaluate the writing sample.			

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Overview

This question asked students to comprehend, organize, synthesize, and integrate three different sources in a cohesive response to a specific prompt about the impact of commerce and international investments in several countries around the world. Students were required to use information from all of the sources to support their ideas. The instructions, in both English and Spanish, asked them to identify the sources as they used them in their answers. Students were also advised to avoid simply summarizing the sources individually. Students were scored on effective task completion, topic development, and language use, equally considered.

This writing sample was based on three sources, including both print and audio material. The first print source was "De Nueva Delhi a Brasilia," an article from BBCMundo.com suggesting that India should look to Brazil for various ways to stimulate Indian commerce. The second print source was "Intel aumenta inversiones en China," another article from BBBMundo.com that explained a U.S. company's investment in China and the reasons for such a global move. The third source was an audio file from Radio Naciones Unidas, "China, India y América Latina, un juego económico con ventajas y desventajas," which dealt with economic interplay among the countries mentioned. Students had 7 minutes to read the printed material, and they listened to the audio selection for approximately 3 minutes. They were instructed to take 5 minutes to plan their responses and then 40 minutes to write an essay of about 200 words.

Sample: PW-AA Score: 4

This high-scoring essay demonstrates command in presentational writing. It appropriately addresses and completes the task, and it refers to all of the sources, although the reference to the audio segment is indirect: "*E.E.U.U. está en el medio de una discusión entre China, India y América Latina. ¿Quien [sic] tiene más influencia en los E.E.U.U.?*" The treatment of the topic is relevant and well developed; it is cohesive and organized, with an introduction and conclusion. The information is generally accurate, although the reference to the third source does not clearly differentiate between the exportation of goods and/or services: "50 por ciento de los importes [sic] son de China e India, pero América Latina tiene siete veces más importancia." There is synthesis of information throughout: "Los Estados Unidos, un país que depende de comercio e inversiones, es gran parte del círculo de la economía." There is evidence of control of a variety of structures: "Pero, un país solo no puede prosperar, y este es el impacto que tiene el comercio y las inversiones entre EEUU y otros países"; "Lo que no tiene un país, lo tiene el otro, y 'las negociaciones serán el punto focal.'" Conventions of the written language are generally correct, with consistently good spelling, accentuation, and punctuation: "Puede ser entre India y Brasil y Sudáfrica, o tal vez . . . entre los EEUU, China, India, y América Latina." Register is appropriate.

Sample: PW-BB Score: 3

This mid-range essay demonstrates competence in presentational writing. The student addresses and completes the task, referring directly to the first two sources and indirectly to the third (audio) source: "China y [sic] India reciben más productos que América Latina porque tienen un [sic] mejor situación política y mejor transportacion [sic]." The treatment of the topic is relevant, and the essay is organized, with an introduction and a conclusion. The information is generally accurate, without being precise. There is synthesis of information, which outweighs summary. Errors occur in a variety of structures: "Sin el otro país hubiera [sic] estado [sic] difícil hacer estos productos," "Con el [sic] ayuda de el [sic] otro país, es posible que el comerico puede [sic] duplicarse en un par de años." The vocabulary shows no evidence of breadth but is

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appropriate. There is some interference from another language: "mucho [sic] ventajas," "Es un [sic] buen [sic] idea para países tener el comercio y las inversiones internacionales." Errors in conventions of the written language are limited to accentuation and orthography: "Los estados unidos [sic]," "de el [sic] otro país," "transportacion [sic]." Register is generally appropriate.

Sample: PW-CC Score: 1

This essay demonstrates lack of competence in presentational writing. It is a good example of a low-scoring response that does not complete the task because it refers to only two sources and does not use them successfully. Some material is lifted directly from the sources: "Se creen que el comercio puede duplicar [sic] en un par de años." The relevance to the topic is difficult to determine owing to the preponderance of poor language: "No saben adonde [sic] se existen pero tienen posibiliments [sic] que esten [sic] han existido en la agricultura, la exploración para buscar gas y crudo." The essay is disorganized, with very limited information and no synthesis of the sources. Pervasive grammatical errors impede communication: "Por ejemplo, entre Brasil, se recientemente estan [sic] expandiendo rápidamente en el comercio," "En esta tiempo la avanzada de technología [sic] es muy impotente [sic] en nuestro [sic] vida." The vocabulary is insufficient, with constant interference from another language: "Estamos en una [sic] tempio [sic] de technologia [sic]." There are pervasive errors in conventions of the written language: "Todas quiere [sic] que su paiz [sic] de ser la mas [sic] mejor en el mundo."