Marks	Level descriptor
3-4	The development of ideas is poor, and the argument is rarely clear and convincing. The structure of the argument is sometimes apparent. The ideas are sometimes relevant.
56	The development of ideas is sometimes good, and the argument has some clarity and is sometimes convincing. The structure of the argument is evident. The ideas are generally relevant.
7-8	The development of ideas is good and methodical; the argument is clear and fairly convincing. The structure of the argument is coherent and organized. The ideas are well expressed and relevant.
910	The development of ideas is very good and methodical; the argument is convincing. The structure of the argument is consistently coherent and organized. The ideas are very well expressed, relevant and engaging.

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Criterion A: Language

How effectively and accurately does the student use language?

Failure to write the minimum number of words will result in a 1-mark penalty.

Marks	Level descriptor
0	The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1-2	Command of the language is limited and generally ineffective. A limited range of vocabulary is used, with many basic errors. Simple sentence structures are sometimes clear.
3-4	Command of the language is generally adequate, despite many inaccuracies. A fairly limited range of vocabulary is used, with many errors. Simple sentence structures are usually clear.
56	Command of the language is effective, despite some inaccuracies. A range of vocabulary is used accurately, with some errors. Simple sentence structures are clear.
7-8	Command of the language is effective. A wide range of vocabulary is used accurately, with few significant errors. Some complex sentence structures are clear and effective.

Criterion B: Content

- To what extent does the student show appreciation of the literary work?
- How skillfully is the task planned?

Marks	Level descriptor
0	The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1–2	The student does not make use of the literary work.
	Connection with the text is superficial or little developed.
	There is no evidence of organization.
34	The student makes little use of the literary work.
	Connection with the text is basic.
	There is little evidence of organization.
5-6	The student makes some use of the literary work.
	Connection with the text is adequate and is used fairly well.
	There is some evidence of organization.
. 7–8	The student makes use of the literary work.
	Connection with the text is good.
	There is evidence of organization.
9–10	The student makes good use of the literary work.
	Connection with the text is effective.
	There is clear evidence of organization.

Criterion C: Format

- How correctly does the student produce the required text type?
- To what extent are the conventions of text types appropriate?

Marks	Level descriptor
0	The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1	The text type is sometimes recognizable and appropriate. Conventions appropriate to the text type are limited.
2	The text type is generally recognizable and appropriate. Some conventions appropriate to the text type are evident.
3	The text type is recognizable and appropriate. Conventions appropriate to the text type are effective.
4	The text type is recognizable, appropriate and convincing. Conventions appropriate to the text type are effective and varied.

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Criterion D: Rationale

How clear and convincing is the rationale?

Marks	Level descriptor
0	The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1	The rationale is not clear.
2	The rationale is clear to some extent.
3	The rationale is clear, pertinent and directly linked to the literary work.