

Grading Essay Questions

Grade	Description
A	Very well organized and easy to follow; contains all required components. The student's position is clearly stated and well supported without the inclusion of unrelated material.
B	Well organized, containing all required components. The student's position is clear and supported although extraneous, unrelated material weaken the student's position.
C	Adequate organization containing all required components. The student's position is clear but not well supported.
D	All required components are included. There is some attempt at organization. The student's position is poorly communicated and unclear.
E	Not all components are present. The student's position is unclear. Statements appear to be in random order.

Issues in Scoring

Two issues may arise when scoring essay questions:

1. Is there a penalty for incorrect statements in the answer, although the correct answer is there?
YES, but only if incorrect statements represent knowledge of skills that have been addressed in class and should have been learned.
2. Is credit for extraneous correct information (not related to the answer) included? NO