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Content _____/75

Paragraph 1: Introduction

Does the paragraph begin with a thesis statement? (10 points) _____

Is the thesis supported by two arguments? (10 points) _____

Does the paragraph finish with a contrary? (5 points) _____

Paragraph 2: Contrast

Does the paragraph introduce a contrast between the type of person being considered and someone whose actions are better (refutation) or worse (confirmation)? (5 points) _____

Is the contrast developed with an illustration based on the life of a specific man or woman? (5 points) _____

Paragraph 3: Soliloquy

Is the paragraph written in the form of a soliloquy, showing the thoughts of the type of person under consideration? Does the soliloquy capture the appropriate tone of a wrongdoer or virtuous person? (5 points) _____

Does the soliloquy magnify the person's wrongdoing or virtue? (5 points) _____

Paragraph 4: Comparison

Does the paragraph introduce a comparison of the type of person under consideration with a similar type of person? (5 points) _____

Does the comparison find the person under consideration to be better (confirmation) or worse (refutation) than the other? (5 points) _____

Paragraph 5: Rejection of Pity or Encouragement to Support

Does the paragraph reject pity for the wrongdoer or encourage support of the virtuous person? (8 points) _____

Does the paragraph include a quote supporting and strengthening its position? (2 points) _____

Paragraph 6: Epilogue

Does the paragraph wrap up the commonplace essay by appealing to honor, justice, or consequences? (8 points)

Does the paragraph use an example from the readings to support the appeal? (2 points)

Style _____/15

Are the sentences varied? (5 points)

Do the paragraphs flow together and use transitions? (5 points)

Does the writer use age-appropriate vocabulary? (5 points)

Form _____/10

Number of spelling errors

3 or fewer per page: 3 points

4–6 per page: 2 points

7–9 per page: 1 point

10 or more per page: 0 points

Number of punctuation/capitalization errors

3 or fewer per page: 3 points

4–6 per page: 2 points

7–9 per page: 1 point

10 or more per page: 0 points

Number of sentence errors (run-ons or fragments)

1 or fewer per page: 3 points

2–4 per page: 2 points

5–6 per page: 1 point

7 or more per page: 0 points

Is the essay neat and legible?

Yes: 1 point

No: 0 points

Total: _____/100