Unit II: Option 5 Essay

	Exceptional	Very Good	Good-meets standards	Does not meet standards
Assertion of	☐ Thesis articulates a sophisticated	☐ Thesis articulates a thoughtful	☐ Thesis describes the option.	☐ Thesis confuses or misses
Argument	analytical assessment of the option.	assessment of the option.	☐ Thesis ¶ provides some context	critical aspects of the option.
[W 1.a.]	☐ Thesis ¶ provides insightful	☐ Thesis ¶ provides effective	for the argument.	☐ Thesis ¶ provides insufficient
Organization of	context for the argument.	context for the argument.	☐ Some topic sentences articulate	context for the argument.
Argument [W	☐ All topic sentences articulate the	☐ Most topic sentences articulate	the main idea of the ¶, reflect some	☐ Topíc sentences are unclear so
1.c./1.e/3.c.]	main idea of the ¶, develop a clear	the main idea of the ¶, show a	elements of the thesis, & provide	main idea of ¶ is obscure, little or
	relationship to the thesis, & provide	relationship to the thesis, & and	some transition between ¶s	no transition between ¶s.
	cogent, analytical transitions	provide effective transitions	☐ Generally organized and focused,	☐ Poorly organized and/or
	between ¶s.	between ¶s.	demonstrating some coherence and	focused, or demonstrates serious
	■ Well organized and clearly	☐ Well organized and focused,	progression of ideas	problems with coherence
	focused, demonstrating clear	demonstrating coherence and	Attempts some synthesis of the	☐ Ignores any conclusion to the
	coherence and smooth progression	progression of ideas	argument.	argument.
	of ideas	Draws thoughtful conclusion.		
	☐ Provides an articulate, logical			
	conclusion.			
Evidence and	☐ All of the evidence and examples	☐ Most of the evidence and	☐ Some of the evidence and	☐ Evidence and examples are
Examples	are specific, insightful, and explain	examples are specific, relevant, and	examples are relevant & have	NOT relevant AND/OR are not
[W 1.b./2.b.]	how the evidence supports the	explain how the evidence supports	explanations and show how support	explained.
	author's position.	the author's position.	for the author's position, but the	☐ Little or no integration of
	☐ Source material is aptly	☐ Source material is paraphrased,	argument needs development.	paraphrased or quoted material.
	paraphrased, making it serve the	making it serve the author's	☐ Integrates quoted or	
	author's purpose.	purpose.	paraphrased but may be awkward in	
	, ,	. ,	places; relies too heavily on quoting.	
Interpretation/	☐ Sophisticated, analytical, original	Purposeful original thought which	Reasonable attempt at thoughtful	☐ Little or no original thought
analysis	thought evident throughout which is	utilizes and goes beyond the course	assessment; provídes some	☐ Shows little thought about the
[W 2.a./3.a.]	supported by references to primary	materials	evidence.	complexities of foreign policy in
	& secondary sources	☐ Proficient understanding of the	☐ Interpretation discusses	the region
	☐ Comprehensive	complexities involved	evidence, but in a more superficial	
	understanding of the complexities	,	than analytical way.	
	involved			

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Demonstrates	☐ All sentences are well	☐ Most sentences are well	☐ Sentences are well constructed	☐ Sentence construction is
command of	constructed with varied structure.	constructed with some varied	but little or no variation in structure;	problematic
standards of	 Exhibits skillful use of language, 	sentence	may be some problematic sentences	 Dísplays very límíted
written English	using a varied, accurate, and apt	 Exhibits facility in the use of 	☐ Exhibits adequate but	vocabulary or incorrect word
[LA 1., 2.,& 3./	vocabulary	language, using appropriate	inconsistent facility in the use of	choice
w 2.d.]	☐ No errors in style, grammar, or	vocabulary	language	☐ More than 4 errors in grammar,
Establishes and	spelling	☐ 1-2 errors	☐ 3-4 errors	spelling, or style
maintains	☐ Uses proper tense & voice			☐ Neglects present tense when
formal &				discussing characters from
objective tone				literature & neglects 3rd person
[w 1.d.]				point of view
MLA format &	□ Error-free	☐ A couple of errors	☐ A few errors	☐ Too many errors
Citation		,		-
mechanics				
[w 8]				

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