

# SESSION TWO

## FOR TEACHERS ONLY

The University of the State of New York  
REGENTS HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

### ENGLISH

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Thursday, August 17, 2000—8:30 to 11:30 a.m., only

#### SCORING KEY AND RATING GUIDE

##### Mechanics of Rating

The following procedures are to be used for rating papers in the Comprehensive Examination in English. More detailed directions for the organization of the rating process and procedures for rating the examination are included in the *Information Booklet for Administering and Scoring the Comprehensive Examination in English*.

##### Scoring of Multiple-Choice Questions

Indicate by means of a checkmark each incorrect or omitted answer to multiple-choice questions on the Session Two answer sheet; do not place a checkmark beside a correct answer. Use only red ink or red pencil. In the box provided under each part, record the number of questions the student answered correctly for that part. Transfer the number of correct answers for the Part A multiple-choice questions to the appropriate spaces in the box in the upper right corner of each student's **SESSION ONE** answer sheet.

Session Two	
Correct Answers	
Part A	
(1)	4
(2)	1
(3)	3
(4)	2
(5)	1
(6)	4
(7)	2
(8)	1
(9)	4
(10)	3

## Rating of Essays

- (1) Follow your school's procedures for training for rating. This process should include:

*Introduction to the task—*

- Raters read the task and summarize its purpose, audience, and format
- Raters read passage(s) and plan own response to task
- Raters share response plans and summarize expectations for student responses

*Introduction to the rubric and anchor papers—*

- Trainer reviews rubric with reference to the task
- Trainer reviews procedures for assigning scores
- Trainer leads review of each anchor paper and commentary  
(**Note:** Anchor papers are ordered from high to low within each score level.)

*Practice scoring individually—*

- Raters score a set of five papers individually
- Trainer records scores and leads discussion until raters feel confident enough to move on to actual scoring

- (2) When actual rating begins, each rater should record his or her individual rating for a student's essay on the rating sheet provided, *not* directly on the student's essay or answer sheet. Do *not* correct the student's work by making insertions or changes of any kind.
- (3) Each essay must be rated by at least two raters; a third rater will be necessary to resolve scores that differ by more than one point. The scoring coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the movement of papers, calculating a final score for each student's essay, recording that information on the student's answer paper for Session One, and determining the student's final score for the examination. The chart located at the end of these scoring materials should be used for determining the final examination score.