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The University of the State of New York
REGENTS HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
(Common Core)
Thursday, August 18, 2016—12:30 to 3:30 p.m., only
SCORING KEY AND RATING GUIDE
Mechanics of Rating
Updated information regarding the rating of this examination may be posted on the
New York State Education Department’s web site during the rating period. Check this web site
at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/ and select the link “Scoring Information” for any recently posted
information regarding this examination. This site should be checked before the rating process for this
examination begins and several times throughout the Regents Examination period.

The following procedures are to be used for rating papers in the Regents Examination in English
Language Arts (Common Core). More detailed directions for the organization of the rating process and
procedures for rating the examination are included in the Information Booklet for Scoring the Regents
Examination in English Language Arts (Common Core).

Scoring the Multiple-Choice Questions
For this exam all schools must use uniform scannable answer sheets provided by the regional
scanning center or large-city scanning center. The scoring key for this exam is provided below. If the
student’s responses for the multiple-choice questions are being hand scored prior to being
scanned, the scorer must be careful not to make any marks on the answer sheet except to record
the scores in the designated score boxes. Marks elsewhere on the answer sheet will interfere
with the accuracy of the scanning.

Before scannable answer sheets are machine scored, several samples must be both machine and
manually scored to ensure the accuracy of the machine-scoring process. All discrepancies must be
resolved before student answer sheets are machine scored. When machine scoring is completed, a sample of
the scored answer sheets must be scored manually to verify the accuracy of the machine-scoring process.

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