

## Appendix A: Sample of the Developed Rubrics

Table 1: The Developed Rubrics (Translated from Chinese)

	<b>Content</b>	<b>Use of Language</b>
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The central theme is distinct and clear; the content is rich, detailed, and closely aligned with the topic.</li> <li>- The structure is well-organized with clear, logical progression.</li> <li>- The content revolves around the keywords of the topic, approaching from various angles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The language flows smoothly, with precise expression; word choice is appropriate and varied.</li> <li>- Sentence structures are diverse, not just short sentences.</li> <li>- The word count is adequate, not too few.</li> <li>- Rhetorical and descriptive techniques are varied and skillfully applied, closely integrated with the theme of the composition, effectively enhancing the expressive effect.</li> </ul>
<b>B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The central theme is clear; the content is fairly substantial, fitting the topic well.</li> <li>- The structure is relatively clear, with fairly logical organization.</li> <li>- The content revolves around the keywords of the topic, with some degree of perspective.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The language is relatively smooth, with fairly accurate expression; word choice is suitable.</li> <li>- Sentence structures are relatively varied, but may lack complexity.</li> <li>- Rhetorical and descriptive techniques are fairly comprehensive, but slightly inferior to the highest grade in terms of variety, depth, or creativity.</li> <li>- The word count is sufficient, but may lack richness.</li> </ul>
<b>C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The central theme is basically clear; the content is basically substantial and aligns with the topic.</li> <li>- The structure is acceptable, with basic logical progression.</li> <li>- The content revolves around the keywords of the topic, but the perspective may be one-dimensional.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The language is basically smooth, with basically accurate expression; word choice is fairly appropriate.</li> <li>- Sentence structures show some variation, but may be overly simple.</li> <li>- Basic use of rhetorical and descriptive techniques, limited in variety and application, possibly lacking in expressive appeal.</li> <li>- The word count may be on the lower side.</li> </ul>
<b>D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The central theme is not clear enough; the content is insufficient, and most of it is not closely related to the topic.</li> <li>- The structure is not apparent, with unclear organization, sometimes appearing scattered.</li> <li>- The content lacks development around the keywords of the topic, with a one-dimensional perspective or lack thereof.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The language lacks smoothness, with inaccurate expression; word choice is simple.</li> <li>- Sentence structures are monotonous, and lacking in variation.</li> <li>- The composition lacks effective rhetorical and descriptive techniques, or their application is inappropriate, failing to enhance the overall quality of the work.</li> <li>- The word count is inadequate, and lacking in detail.</li> </ul>

## Appendix B: An Essay From a K3 Student

Table 2: Sample Essay From a K3 Student

**Chinese version:**

我写了一封信，内容是这样的：我相信三千年后的世界会非常美丽，科技发达，会有机器人保姆，机器人老师，还有机器人管家，智能机器人，等到了三千五百年后，会有自动街灯，高级自行车。

我预言到，三千五百年世界会灭亡，火山喷发天空一团团浓烟，会发生海啸，还有沙尘暴。宇宙的陨石撞击地球，撞击地面，世界会灭亡。三千五百年后我们要爱护环境，多种树，挡住沙尘暴，多发明几个卫星，观察宇宙的情况，不要污染空气，要保护空气。因为环境的污染，会下酸雨，酸雨有一种腐烂的作用。没有太阳，我们就会灭亡。不要用汽油，汽车的尾气会导致地面加热，我们就喝不到井里新鲜的水，只会喝到不新鲜的水。不要吃地下油，会致癌，会对儿童和老年人不舒服。我们不要浪费食物，要做光盘行动。

**Translated version:**

I wrote a letter, and it goes like this: I believe that the world in three thousand years will be very beautiful, with advanced technology. There will be robot nannies, robot teachers, and robot butlers, as well as intelligent robots. By the year three thousand five hundred, there will be automatic streetlights and advanced bicycles.

I predict that the world will come to an end in the year three thousand five hundred. Volcanoes will erupt, filling the sky with thick smoke, tsunamis will occur, and there will be sandstorms. Meteors from space will hit the Earth, causing the world to come to an end. After three thousand five hundred years, we need to take care of the environment, plant more trees to block sandstorms, invent more satellites to observe the universe, and not pollute the air. We need to protect the air.

Because of environmental pollution, there will be acid rain, which has a corrosive effect. Without the sun, we will perish. Do not use gasoline; the exhaust from cars will cause the ground to heat up, and we will not be able to drink fresh water from wells, only stale water. Do not consume underground oil; it can cause cancer and discomfort to children and the elderly. We should not waste food and should practice the 'Clean Plate' campaign.