**Marking Efficiently and Effectively Workshop – Worksheet 2**

We are going to revisit the scenario and re-evaluate the sample assignment from the first worksheet. As a reminder, here is the scenario:

*As part of your TA duties, you have been assigned 30 short-answer responses to mark. Your Hours of Work Form gives you an hour and a half to grade this assignment. This means that you have 3 minutes to spend marking each paragraph (90 minutes / 30 assignments).*

*The question students were asked to answer is as follows:*

*“Explain what we can do as citizens to reduce the effects of global warming. Consider factors such as recycling, the impact of fossil fuels, and the impact of consumerism.”*

This time, before you set the timer, answer the following question for yourself:

What is the assignment intended to assess?

For instance, you might decide it is assessing their writing skill, their content knowledge, or both.

Now, set a timer for three minutes. Re-read the paragraph, noting **relevant** strengths and weaknesses. Assign a new grade and provide feedback for the student. Try to complete this within the time limit.

When you are finished, please answer the reflective questions found below the sample.

**Student Response:**

In the last years we are facing a really big problem called “Global Warming” because the humanity was not so carefull with the planet Earth. Global warming has many bad effects and it always an international environment problem that people want to solve. With the growing of earth population, global warming has become serious than ever. The citizens can reduce the effects of global warming if they recycle the material products like paper, glass, etc. If we will recycle the rubbish more than ever before we will get a better future. I could do many things like recycling. At home I will seperate the trash into many categories. For example, papers, bottles, and garbages. So many people do not recycle or just through the rubbish in the nature. Papers could reuse after the process of paper factories, bottles could reuse after the process of factories too. It might save a lot of materials like woods and plastics. Also, the northpole melt away not completely but pieces of it. There are not just the icebears who need a place to life we also need a clean and nice place to life. Also, the Earth is very poluted because of the impact of fossil fuels like oil, gas and coal. On the other hand, I could ride my bicycle instead of taking car. If many people ride the bike instead of drive themselves, the C02 emessions might desend. Another things should be aware of are the fossil fuels, it will become empty some day if we don’t find the substitute energy. Most of the people become really comfortable and (they forget to use the bikes) not careful with the environment. They forget the oxygen is an important resource for life and they continue to cut the forests. We However, these things have an influence on us. When the oil get fewer, the price get higher. Customers might to pay more on many things and some people might not afford it. We all need to be better friends to our world and nature. We should start to pay more attention to the Earth needs if we want to live in a safe-way. To sum up, helping reduce the effects of global warming is not only good for yourself but the every one and our home planet Earth.

**Mark: 7/10**

**Comments:**

Addresses a wide scope of solutions: 2 / 3 points

You only gave two solutions, recycling and reducing fossil fuel use

Solutions are practical / realistic: 2 / 3 points  
 The two solutions you gave were practical but there were only two of them

Indepth explanation of how to achieve solutions: 3 / 4 points

Each solution was accompanied by an explanation of how to acheive it

**Reflective Questions:**

What was different about marking the sample this time? What was easier? Harder?

It was more difficult to mark this time as the criteria I choose to mark wasn’t as easy to assess

Were you able to finish marking and assign a grade within 3 minutes? Did it feel rushed, or was it a comfortable amount of time? Would you be able to keep up this pace for another 29 assignments?

I was again able to finish within the 3 minutes, and it did not feel rush or not scalable to 29 more assignments

How did you decide what mark to assign the paragraph? What strengths and/or weaknesses in the response influenced this decision?

This time beforehand I decided was critieria I was marking on, so I disregarded spelling/grammar and other critieria irrelavent to the quality of answers as a solution to the question at hand

Do you feel that the feedback you provided will help the student develop their skills and/or knowledge? Would it help them improve their grade if they were to submit this assignment again?

I think the feedback would help the student and they would improve their grade if they were allowed to resubmit.