

## Question 1

### Sample Identifier: 1A

Score: 1-4-1

#### A. Thesis (0-1 points): 1

- The response offers a defensible position in paragraph 1: “While there is value in knowing your surroundings without mapping software and devices, the use of navigational systems prove to be beneficial because of it’s efficiency and ability to save time, as well as the advancements it provides to society and the environment.”

#### B. Evidence and Commentary (0-4 points): 4

- The response provides specific evidence to support all claims in its line of reasoning evaluating the value and limitations of mapping software and devices. For example, it states “In fact, according to a study described in Source D, there is evidence that proves participants who used a GPS were not able to recall certain features as well as participants who did not use a GPS” as evidence of the claim that “For this reason, one musn’t completely rely on mapping software and devices because one must understand their basic surroundings and how to get from one place to another.”
- The commentary consistently and clearly explains how the evidence supports the line of reasoning, such as “The willingness of people to share information for the common good can be attributed to ease of using navigational apps and systems.”

#### C: Sophistication (0-1 points): 1

- The response demonstrates sophistication of thought and a complex understanding of the rhetorical situation by consistently identifying and exploring complexities or tensions across the sources. For example, the sophistication is seen in the response when it states, “While it is necessary for people to not rely completely on navigational systems, the widespread use is beneficial individually as well as to society as a whole, and therefore should be used commonly.”

### Sample Identifier: 1B

Score: 1-4-0

#### A. Thesis (0-1 points): 1

- The response offers a defensible position in paragraph one: “GPS is an extremely useful tool that presents no negative aspects in the world of driving.”

#### B. Evidence and Commentary (0-4 points): 4

- The response provides specific evidence to support all claims in its line of reasoning that “Mapping software and Global Positioning System are technologies that have made traveling and movement from place to place incredibly easier.” For example, it states “GPS ‘induces a state of rest’ which allows the drivers to push out all the fear and generally ‘drive

safer’(Source D)” as evidence of the claim that “GPS allows drivers to remain in better condition when driving making the entire travel experience far better.”

- The commentary consistently and clearly explains how the evidence supports the line of reasoning, such as “By using GPS, the people are not only making their lives easier, they are also making it far easier for others.”

### **C. Sophistication (0-1 points): 0**

- The response does not demonstrate sophistication of thought or a complex understanding of the rhetorical situation.

### **Sample Identifier: 1C**

**Score: 1-3-0**

#### **A. Thesis (0-1 points): 1**

- The response offers a defensible position in paragraph one: “While GPS has done wonders for mapping the globe, It has had many negative effects on residential areas and the way that motorists understand navigation.”

#### **B. Evidence and Commentary (0-4 points): 3**

- The response provides specific evidence to support all claims in its line of reasoning. For example it states “the chief of police from a residential neighborhood explains, ‘In the morning, if i sign onto my Waze account, i find there are over 250,000 ‘wazers’ in the area’(DOC A)” as evidence to support the claim that “One major issue with GPS usage is the way that it diverts traffic from highways into residential areas.”
- The commentary explains how some of the evidence supports a line of reasoning, such as “In other words, turn by turn directions provided by GPS systems require less spacial memory and do not challenge the hippocampus to the same extent.”
- However, some commentary does not effectively support a key claim. In paragraph four, the response supports the claim, but commentary for the evidence does not clearly connect to the claim. This is seen when it states “This means that a good majority of smart phone users are not challenging their brains with spatial cognitive skills while navigating.”

### **C. Sophistication (0-1 points): 0**

- The response does not demonstrate sophistication of thought or a complex understanding of the rhetorical situation.

### **Sample Identifier: 1D**

**Score: 1-2-0**

#### **A. Thesis (0-1 points): 1**

- The response offers a defensible position in paragraph one: “Some would come to an extreme difficulty when trying to find the proper signal to continue travelling on the road with the GPS

on. There was also a difficulty with being stuck in traffic even when taking a short cut recommended by the GPS.”

**B. Evidence and Commentary (0-4 points): 2**

- The response provides relevant evidence from three sources. Some evidence is specific; for example, it states “In fact, in the first source Lisa Foderaro mentions that she indeed has experienced something similar, ‘...blithely following directions into the residential streets of some unsuspecting town, along with a slew of other frustrated motorists.’”
- The response provides commentary that explains how some of the evidence relates to the argument, such as “This would complicate everything for the person using the software or app.” However, it does not explain the connections or progression between the claims, so a line of reasoning is not clearly established.
- Instead, the response contains some simplistic explanations that do not strengthen the argument, such as “It is important to also take in mind that by using the GPS one is trying to get to somewhere of interests or somewhere as soon as possible.”

**C. Sophistication (0-1 points): 0**

- The response does not demonstrate sophistication of thought or a complex understanding of the rhetorical situation.

**Sample Identifier: 1E**

**Score: 1-1-0**

**A. Thesis (0-1 points): 1**

- The response offers a defensible position in the first paragraph: “Through reading the documents the most edident arguement is that mapping services do more harm than good and based on the documents alone I would agree.”

**B. Evidence and Commentary (0-4 points): 1**

- The response provides general evidence from five sources that tend to focus on summary rather than specific details; for example: “Doc B views the mapping systems as a positive thing by stimulating voluneter rates.”
- The commentary summarizes the evidence, such as “In doc F the information presented in Vox Media's post shows the liklyhood of acidents and correates with doc C due to the download rates mention in F by showing the uses of maps in comparison to the users of phones in general,” but it does not explain how the evidence supports the argument.

**C. Sophistication (0-1 points): 0**

- The response does not demonstrate sophistication of thought or a complex understanding of the rhetorical situation.

**Sample Identifier: 1F**

**Score: 1-0-0**

**A. Thesis (0-1 points): 1**

- The response offers a defensible position in paragraph 1: “Navigation systems provide safe and secure ways to get from point A to point B; however, relying on them too much can render someone far less independent.”

**B. Evidence and Commentary (0-4 points): 0**

- The response simply restates the thesis.
- Additionally, the response offers no textual references.

**C. Sophistication (0-1 points): 0**

- The response does not demonstrate sophistication of thought or a complex understanding of the rhetorical situation.