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| **Criteria** | **Level 4 - Excellent** | **Level 3 - Proficient** | **Level 2 - Developing** | **Level 1 - Emerging** |
| Assignment-Driven Criteria | 14 points  Demonstrates mastery covering all key elements of the assignment in a substantive way. | 13 points  Demonstrates considerable proficiency covering all key elements of the assignment. | 12 points  Demonstrates partial proficiency covering all key elements of the assignment. | 11 points  Demonstrates limited or poor proficiency covering all key elements of the assignment. |
| Critical Thinking | 6 points  Demonstrates mastery conceptualizing the problem. Viewpoints and assumptions of experts are analyzed, synthesized, and evaluated. Conclusions are logically presented with appropriate rationale. | 5 points  Demonstrates considerable proficiency conceptualizing the problem. Viewpoints and assumptions of experts are proficiently analyzed, synthesized, and evaluated. Conclusions are presented with necessary rationale. | 4 points  Demonstrates partial proficiency conceptualizing the problem. Viewpoints and assumptions of experts are somewhat analyzed, synthesized, and evaluated. Conclusions are somewhat consistent with the analysis and findings. | 3 points  Demonstrates limited or poor proficiency conceptualizing the problem. Viewpoints and assumptions of experts are either absent or poorly analyzed, synthesized, and evaluated. Conclusions are either absent or poorly conceived and supported. |
| Scholarly Writing | 3 points  Demonstrates mastery and proficiency in scholarly written communication to an appropriately specialized audience. | 2 points  Demonstrates considerable proficiency in scholarly written communication to an appropriately specialized audience. | 1 point  Demonstrate partial proficiency in scholarly written communication to an appropriately specialized audience. | 0 points  Demonstrates limited or poor proficiency in scholarly written communication to an appropriately specialized audience. |
| Assignment Organization | 3 points  Demonstrates mastery and proficiency following the required structure and organization of the assignment. | 2 points  Demonstrates considerable proficiency following the required structure and organization of the assignment. | 1 point  Demonstrates partial proficiency following the required structure and organization of the assignment. | 0 points  Demonstrates limited or poor proficiency following the required structure and organization of the assignment. . |
| Citing and Using References | 4 points  Demonstrates mastery using relevant and quality sources to support ideas, using in-text citations of sources and properly formatting references (bibliography). | 3 points  Demonstrates considerable proficiency using relevant and quality sources to support ideas, using in-text citations of sources and properly formatting references (bibliography). | 2 points  Demonstrates partial proficiency using relevant and quality sources to support ideas, using in-text citations of sources and properly formatting references (bibliography). | 1 point  Demonstrates limited or poor proficiency using relevant and quality sources to support ideas, using in-text citations of sources and properly formatting references (bibliography). |
| **Overall Score** | **Level 4 27 or more** | **Level 3 24 or more** | **Level 2 21 or more** | **Level 1 0 or more** |
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