

## FCC'S WRITING SAMPLE EVALUATION GUIDELINES

You are asked to write a multi-paragraph essay. Provide as much detail as needed to support your ideas.

## **Writing Tips:**

- 1. Spend a little time thinking about the topic and organizing your thoughts by sketching a "plan" before writing your essay. On a separate sheet of paper, you may want to create an outline, graphic organizer, or list of ideas.
- 2. Write some type of introduction paragraph that presents the topic.
- 3. At the end of the introduction try to write a sentence that asserts your position to the topic or sets up what your essay will be about.
- 4. You will then have body paragraphs that present details and support for each of your major points of discussion.
- 5. Write some type of concluding paragraph that wraps-up your essay.
- 6. Take time to read your essay to yourself before you are finished and make any corrections to sentence-level issues (grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation).

Best of luck!

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