

Essay Question Grading Process

Essays will be read and scored by a panel of reviewers from both MITAGS, WSF, and diverse voices from the maritime community.

Each essay question will be assessed based on the following criteria. Each question can receive a max score of 33 points and breaks down as follows:

Grading Criteria for Each Question

1. Does the essay present a thorough understanding of the question? - 9pts
2. Does the essay delve into the subject matter with sufficient detail? - 9pts
3. Are the points made relevant to the topic? - 9pts
4. Is the writing clear and easy to understand? - 3pts
5. Is the writing free from grammatical and spelling errors? - 3pts

Points breakdown within Criteria 1-3 (27 points possible)

- **7-9 Points:** The applicant thoroughly met the criteria, providing multiple different points or examples that supported their thinking.
- **4-6 Points:** The applicant met the criteria, but limited points or examples were presented to support their thinking.
- **1-3 Points:** The applicant did not thoroughly meet the criteria.
- **0 Points:** The applicant missed the mark and made no relevant conclusions.

Points breakdown within Criteria 4-5 (6 points possible)

- **3 Points:** Criteria fully met with no errors/extremely coherent.
- **2 Points:** Criteria met, with minimal errors/writing was somewhat unclear.
- **1 Point:** Multiple spelling/grammatical errors; writing was difficult to understand and follow.

Additional Expectations

- Essays will be typed and presented as .doc, .docx, or .pdf files. No handwritten essays will be accepted.
- Answers to **each** question should be a max of 500 words.