

**Columbia College**  
**Children and Youth at Risk (HSPD281)**

**Lecture 1**

**Course Outline**

Semester Dates: January 07, 2019 – February 09, 2019

Please note that when a holiday falls during the week, your class will be rescheduled for the Friday of that week. Students are required to make arrangements to be present at the rescheduled class.

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Class Time: Thur. (5:30pm – 9:30pm); Sat. (1:00pm – 5:00pm))

Room: 805-120

Credit: 3

Prerequisite: None

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**Note:** It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator. Please note that when a holiday falls during the week, your class will be rescheduled for the Friday of that week. Students are required to make arrangements to be present at the rescheduled class.

**Course Description:**

This course examines children and youth at risk in Canada. The course will explore issues facing this population, such as youth crime, substance abuse, schooling, family problems, peer pressure, alcoholism and poverty. Legal system and community implications, youth justice practice and solutions to delinquency problems will be also addressed. Special emphasis will be assigned to various roles, prevention strategies, interventions, knowledge and skills human services professionals need when dealing with children and youth at risk.

**Learning Outcomes:**

As a result of active participation in these sessions, a student can expect to:

1. Describe and explain the historical traditions and philosophy of youth justice.
2. Define and explain "delinquency" and the various theories of delinquency.
3. Explain the biological, psychological and sociological factors of why juveniles misbehave.
4. Describe what youth crime really "looks like".
5. Compare and contrast the stages of the juvenile justice system and the roles of the various players, and how their roles differ substantially from the adult system.
6. Critically examine and discuss the recommendations for changes in the Youth Justice System.

**Course Format:**

This course uses a variety of teaching/learning methods including discussion, personal reflection, experiential exercises, student presentations, role-plays, group activities and especially case studies. Our faculty aims to create a learning environment where the learner is actively engaged in inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving. The classroom provides you with a place where you can learn with and from others in a cooperative and collaborative manner.

You are expected to take a very active part in class discussions and take responsibility for your own learning. Be a positive and co-operative team member. Columbia College uses a facilitation model of instruction where the facilitator's role is to facilitate your learning. The expectation is that you will come to class prepared with pre-class homework completed. Your facilitator will engage you in activities that are based on your completed homework and readings. Your enthusiastic and positive approach in the classroom will create an atmosphere that will help every student develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are needed for success.

How you conduct yourself in our classes will, to a large extent, mirror your conduct in society and your future work site. For example, if you have a tendency to ask questions, challenge the ideas of others in a respectful manner, draw out the best from your colleagues, and encourage both group development and task accomplishment in this class, it is likely you will do the same at work. A high level of student involvement and developing professionalism is expected in the classroom as you work towards your goal.

### **Required Textbooks and Equipment:**

McWhirter, J., McWhirter, B., McWhirter, E., & McWhirter, R. (2016). *At-risk Youth: A comprehensive response for counsellors, teachers, psychologists, and human service professionals (6<sup>th</sup> ed.)*. Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning.

Haig, J., MacMillan, V., & Raikes, G. (2017). *Cites & Sources; an APA document guide (5th ed.)*. Toronto, ON: Nelson Education Ltd.

### **Recommended Readings and Resources:**

*Students may access these sources from the College and from home.*

ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health, Canadian Business and Current Affairs, and Canadian Newsstand

- <http://proquest.umi.com/login>  
Username: cc-library  
Password: welcome

GALE InfoTrac Custom Journals

- <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/calg145?db=SP00>  
Password: cclibrary09

*Further Recommended Readings and Resources:*

N/A

### **Homework Assignment Due for the First Class:**

1. Read chapters 1 and 2 of the text, *At Risk Youth: A Comprehensive Response for Counsellors, Teachers, Psychologists, and Human Service Professionals*
2. As a result of your reading assignment, write down three (3) questions that you would find beneficial to discuss in class.
3. Prepare for a test on the assigned readings.
4. Read this course outline and be prepared to discuss in class.

## Evaluation - Assessment of Student Performance:

The final grade in the course will be based on the following elements. Wherever possible facilitators will use rubrics to assess your performance and offer feedback.

| Title of Assignment/Examination           | Due Date     | Weight |
|---|--------------|--------|
| Daily tests; at the start of each class   | Class 1 – 10 | 30%    |
| Writing Assignment A                      | Class 4      | 20%    |
| Writing Assignment B: Case Study Analysis | Class 7      | 25%    |
| Final Project                             | Class 10     | 25%    |

Please note that all homework and assignments are due at the beginning of each class.

## Grading:

Grades for each component will be added together at the end of the semester. The final total will be translated to the Columbia College's 4.0 grading scale as follows:

### Marking and Grading Conversion:

| Description  | Letter Grade | Grade Points | Percentage Scale |    |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----|
| Excellent    | A+           | 4.0          | 100              | 95 |
|              | A            | 4.0          | 94               | 90 |
|              | A-           | 3.7          | 89               | 85 |
| Good         | B+           | 3.3          | 84               | 80 |
|              | B            | 3.0          | 79               | 75 |
|              | B-           | 2.7          | 74               | 70 |
| Satisfactory | C+           | 2.3          | 69               | 65 |
|              | C            | 2.0          | 64               | 60 |
|              | C-           | 1.7          | 59               | 55 |
| Poor         | D            | 1.0          | 54               | 50 |
| Failure      | F            | 0.0          | 49               | 0  |

Please note that to pass this course you must earn at least a "D" (a minimal pass).

## Submission and Completion of Assignments:

You are expected to submit assignments by the due date. Any late assignments may be assessed a marking penalty of 5% per day. If you are unable to submit an assignment on the due date, you must request an extension **before** the due date by filling out an *Application for Assignment Extension form (SSPP-F012)* that is to be submitted to the Department Chair for approval. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802 – Main Office and from Department Chairs.

### **Requesting an Examination Deferral:**

If you are requesting an exam to be deferred, you must submit an Application for *Deferred Examinations form (SSPP-F012)* to the Department Chair **within 48 hours of the missed examination date and time**. Applications for deferred examinations will only be considered due to medical or personal emergency. A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation may be required. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802-Main Office and from Department Chairs.

### **Attendance Requirements:**

Columbia College believes that students are committed to their program and learning experiences. However, it is understood that there are times when students may be absent. Any absences can be viewed as a potentially serious disruption of the learning process and necessary achievement of the learning objectives. Being late is also considered unacceptable as it interferes with the learning opportunities of others. Unavoidable absences or lateness must be reported to the course facilitator in advance. Please refer to Columbia College's *Attendance Policy and Regulations (ADM-P151)* for detailed information on Attendance Requirements.

### **Academic Integrity:**

Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from Columbia College.

There is no tolerance for academic dishonesty and any student caught plagiarizing is subject to serious sanctions as outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)*. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this policy and avoid any behavior that could possibly be seen as cheating, plagiarizing, misrepresenting, or putting into question the integrity of one's academic work.

### **Student Conduct:**

It is the responsibility of each student to uphold the expectations and responsibilities outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)*, *Columbia's Commitment to Human Rights and Diversity Policy (ADM-P029)*, and any additional requirements established by your program.

Generally, each student will:

- be respectful and courteous toward others;
- demonstrate appropriate and supportive communication skills, and coach, assist, advise and otherwise support other students in their studies;
- manage any personal stress and conflict in a positive and resourceful manner, and assist others to do the same;
- be dressed in a manner appropriate for their workplace or learning environment, as established by the program;
- conduct themselves in a professional manner with regard to their communication with others and their behavior in class;
- conduct themselves with academic integrity in all of their learning activities, tests, exams, and assignments
- keep up with day-to-day classroom and course expectations.

## Important Dates:

| <b>Description</b>                            | <b>Date</b>  |
|---|--|
| Last to add/drop courses                      | 5 school operating days from the start of the semester OR before the third scheduled class, whichever is greater   |
| Last day to withdraw without academic penalty | 50% or less of the semester has been completed   |
| Final Examination                             | A final exam may take many formats. If a final exam is scheduled, it will be taken in an assigned room under the supervision of a Test Proctor. <u>Students must be on time as they will not be permitted to enter once the exam has started.</u> Exam schedules are available in each building on a bulletin board, as well as online at <a href="http://www.columbia.ab.ca/exams">www.columbia.ab.ca/exams</a> . <u>It is the student's responsibility to check this exam posting.</u> |

## Appeals:

Please refer to the *Student Appeal Policy (ADM-P177)*.

## Students with Temporary or Permanent Disabilities or Medical Conditions:

Students with temporary or permanent disabilities or medical conditions may apply for accommodations. To be considered for an accommodation, a student must register with Columbia College's Accessibility Services by making an appointment with an Accessibility Services Advisor – Main Office – Bldg. 802 or emailing [accessibilityservices@columbia.ab.ca](mailto:accessibilityservices@columbia.ab.ca). The Department Chair or facilitator is not able to provide you with any accommodations without you taking this step. Please refer to Columbia College's website to review *the Student Accommodation Policy (ADM-P188)* and *the Student Guide to Accessibility Services Handbook (SSCM-001)*.

## Student Support:

Students should be aware that Life Coaching, Career and Accessibility Services, and Student Support Services (i.e. tutoring, academic strategists, etc.) are provided by Columbia College. Inquire how to request these services at the Main Office in building 802. It is the student's responsibility to discuss their specific learning needs with the appropriate service provider.

### Class Schedule/Overview:

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Any changes or cancellations will be emailed to you. It is your responsibility to check the email address you have given to the school on a daily basis for any messages from the Department Chair/designate, facilitator or College Administration. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

| Class Session | Topics  | Pre-Class Readings   |
|---------------|---|--|
| 1             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An Introduction to at-risk issues</li><li>Environmental/societal factors that contribute to risk</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 1, 2</li></ul>  |
| 2             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Family problems of at-risk children and youth</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 3</li></ul>   |
| 3             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School issues that relate to at-risk children and youth</li><li>Individual characteristics of high-risk and low-risk children and youth</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 4, 5</li></ul>  |
| 4             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School dropout</li><li>Substance use and addiction</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 6, 7</li><li><b>Writing Assignment A due</b></li></ul>                    |
| 5             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Risky sexual behavior: teenage pregnancy and STDs</li><li>Youth violence: antisocial behavior, delinquency, and youth gangs</li></ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 8, 9</li></ul>  |
| 6             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Youth suicide</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 10</li></ul>  |
| 7             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A prevention, early intervention, treatment framework, and other environmental considerations</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 11</li><li><b>Writing Assignment B: Case Study Analysis due</b></li></ul> |
| 8             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Core components of programs for prevention and early intervention</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 12</li></ul>   |
| 9             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Peer interventions</li></ul>  | Chapter 13   |
| 10            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Family interventions</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 14</li><li><b>Final Project due</b></li></ul>                              |

## Appendix 1 Assignment Outlines

### Daily Tests

**Due Date:** Each class from classes 1 through 10.

**Weight:** 30%

Students will be expected to read the assigned chapters in the text and other assigned readings and be prepared to write a graded quiz based on these reading assignments.

### Writing Assignment A:

**Due Date:** Class 4

**Weight:** 20%

Write a critical thinking response that focuses on the ways in which access to the internet is (a) beneficial, and (b) detrimental to today's adolescents. Do you believe that the detrimental effects of internet access would be mitigated? Would the ways in which you see mitigated these effects be equally applicable across all socio-economic classes? Explain your response. Do you believe that internet access is overall a positive thing or a negative thing for today's adolescents? Why do you believe as you do?

#### Writing Assignments:

- **Objective:** The objectives of the writing assignment is to critically apply concepts, ideas, and procedures to facilitate higher level learning. The assignments are designed so students can demonstrate depth of knowledge related to the course content.
- **Focus:** Each assignment is designed to apply knowledge from the chapters and class discussions.
- **Format:** All assignments will be double-spaced. Do not include title pages. Include your name at the top of each page. A minimum of one-inch margins on each side. 12-point Times New Roman font is preferred. Each assignment should have a minimum length of 500 words but is not to exceed 750 words. Students will be evaluated according to the **Critical Writing Response Marking** rubric.

### Writing Assignment B: Case Study Analysis

**Due Date:** Class 7

**Weight:** 25%

Using the Diaz Family case study on pg. 89 of the text as a reference, write down what you feel most impacts aspects of each of the four factors (school culture, student climate, peer involvement, and teacher climate.) Then reflect on three strategies to improve these areas.

#### Writing Assignments:

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- **Focus:** Each assignment is designed to apply knowledge from the chapters and class discussions.
- **Format:** All assignments will be double-spaced. Do not include title pages. Include your name at the top of each page. A minimum of one-inch margins on each side. 12-point Times New Roman font is preferred. Each assignment should have a minimum length of 500 words but is not to exceed 750 words. Students will be evaluated according to **Case Study Analysis** rubric.

### How to avoid plagiarism

The simplest way to avoid plagiarism is to reference any sources properly (using both in-text,

parenthetical citations in the body of your assignment and a 'References' page at the end). While it is commonplace to build upon the knowledge of others, it is necessary to clearly state the sources and foundations of that knowledge. Referencing must conform to the APA style outlined in the 'Citations' resource book.

### **Final Project**

**Due Date: Class 10**

**Weight: 25%**

Each student will answer questions related to the case study, "the Baker Family" on pg. 34 of the text. Students will analyze the case study based on the following questions

1. Identify the main issue(s) facing the youth in this case
2. Would you say the youth has resiliency? Please explain why?
3. What is the key impact/s of resiliency in the marginalized youth in this case or in the marginalized youth in general?
4. What is the link between resiliency and other factors such as youth engagement and developmental outcomes? Do you see these factors in this case scenario; if yes, please state them?
5. How can the human services worker facilitate the development of resiliency in marginalized youth, such as this one in the case?

### **Writing Assignments:**

- **Objective:** The objectives of the writing assignment is to critically apply concepts, ideas, and procedures to facilitate higher level learning. The assignments are designed so students can demonstrate depth of knowledge related to the course content.
- **Focus:** Each assignment is designed to apply knowledge from the chapters and class discussions.
- **Format:** All assignments will be double-spaced. Do not include title pages. Include your name at the top of each page. A minimum of one-inch margins on each side. 12-point Times New Roman font is preferred. Each assignment should have a minimum length of 500 words but is not to exceed 750 words. Students will be evaluated according to the attached rubric: **Critical Writing Response Marking Rubric**

### **How to avoid plagiarism**

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**Appendix 2  
Assignment Rubrics**

**Columbia College  
Case Study Analysis  
Last Revised: December 8, 2017**

| <b>Student's Name</b>                                 |   | <b>Course Code</b>  |   | <b>Date</b>   |              | <b>Facilitator/Evaluator's Name</b> |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Area</b>   | <b>10.0 – 7.0</b>   | <b>6.9 – 5.0</b>  | <b>4.9 – 3.5</b>  | <b>3.4 - 0</b>  | <b>Score</b> |                                     |  |
| <b>Identification of main issue/problem/key ideas</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly identifies the main issue/problem and summary of key ideas. Provides a clear position statement.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly identifies the main issue/problem and summary of most key ideas.</li> <li>Provides a relatively clear position statement.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies the main/problem and some key ideas, but the statements are not clear.</li> <li>Provides a vague position statement.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to identify the main issue/problem and key ideas.</li> <li>Doesn't identify own position.</li> <li>Identifies some irrelevant ideas.</li> </ul>   |              |                                     |  |
| <b>Quality of analysis and interpretation</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a comprehensive, insightful analysis and interpretation of the issue.</li> <li>Draws clear conclusions and identifies implications.</li> <li>Demonstrates excellent problem solving skills.</li> <li>Supports main ideas with a range of varied, timely and relevant references.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides very good analysis and interpretation of the issue.</li> <li>Draws most conclusions and identifies most implications.</li> <li>Identifies original and well developed solution/strategies, demonstrating effective problem solving skills.</li> <li>Provides sufficient</li> <li>Uses relevant, timely and varied sources to convince.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides partial analysis and interpretation. Issue needs further exploration.</li> <li>Draws a few conclusions and identifies some implications.</li> <li>Provides some solution/strategies, showing limited problem solving skills.</li> <li>Uses limited resources that are not well selected to support the response.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis and interpretation is limited.</li> <li>Conclusions and implications of the issue are missing.</li> <li>Unable to provide solution/strategies. Lacks problem solving skills.</li> <li>Lacks fundamental resources to write an effective response.</li> <li>Inadequate reference support.</li> </ul> |              |                                     |  |

| Area   | 5   | 4 - 3  | 2   | 1 - 0   | Score |
|--|---|--|---|---|-------|
| <b>Mechanics, Grammar, Professional Format</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainly error free.</li> <li>• Meets all requirements for an excellent response.</li> <li>• Meets all case study written requirements.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics.</li> <li>• Meets most requirements for a well written response.</li> <li>• Meets most case study written requirements.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with readability and meaning.</li> <li>• Meets a few requirements of an acceptable response.</li> <li>• Meets a few case study written requirements.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper</li> <li>• Does not meet requirements for an acceptable response.</li> <li>• Does not adequately meet any case study written requirements.</li> </ul> |       |

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**Total Score out of 25:**

**Facilitator/Evaluator’s Comments:**

**Columbia College**  
**Critical Writing Response Marking Rubric**  
 Revised Jan. 2018

| Student's Name                           | Course Code  | Date  | Facilitator/Evaluator's Name  |   |              |
|--|--|---|---|---|--------------|
|  | <b>A</b><br>10-9   | <b>B</b><br>8-7   | <b>C-D</b><br>6-5   | <b>F</b><br>4-0   | <b>Score</b> |
| <b>Quality of Response Content/Ideas</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates reflection, insight, and accurate interpretation of assignment.</li> <li>• States main idea/opinion clearly.</li> <li>• Provides support for the main idea through numerous, relevant sources and/or references to the course readings.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates reflection and accurate interpretation of assignment.</li> <li>• States main idea /opinion clearly.</li> <li>• Provides support for the main idea through number of relevant sources and/or references to the course readings.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates limited response to assignment.</li> <li>• Partly identifies main idea/opinion.</li> <li>• Attempts some support for the main idea, but it is limited in applicability.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates limited response that is hard to follow.</li> <li>• Main idea/opinion not identified.</li> <li>• Uses little to no references to support opinion.</li> </ul>       |              |
| <b>Analysis</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explores issue thoroughly and with insight, developing a clear, original position with persuasive examples.</li> <li>• Demonstrates sound logic.</li> <li>• Demonstrates excellent critical thinking and problem solving skills.</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explores issue well, developing an original position with and good examples.</li> <li>• Demonstrates good logic.</li> <li>• Demonstrates very good critical thinking and problem solving skills.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines the issue, but explores it inadequately.</li> <li>• Uses examples inconsistently and/or examples are lacking.</li> <li>• Demonstrates weakness in logic.</li> <li>• Demonstrates weak critical thinking and problem solving skills.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines issue inadequately, demonstrating a simplistic view.</li> <li>• Lacks logic.</li> <li>• Demonstrates poor critical thinking and problem solving skills.</li> </ul> |              |

|                                   | <b>A</b>   | <b>B</b>   | <b>C-D</b>   | <b>F</b>  | <b>Score</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--------------|
|                                   | 10-9   | 8-7  | 6-5  | 4-0   |              |
| <b>Style Expression of Ideas</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses highly effective, clearly focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose.</li> <li>• Incorporates knowledge of stylistic techniques.</li> <li>• Conveys all ideas with originality and clarity.</li> <li>• Uses rich, accurate and effective word choice.</li> <li>• Consistently demonstrates original, sincere and compelling personal voice.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mostly uses effective, well structured, focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose.</li> <li>• Demonstrates use of particular stylistic techniques.</li> <li>• Conveys most ideas with originality and clarity.</li> <li>• Uses accurate and effective word choice.</li> <li>• Mostly demonstrates original, sincere personal voice.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates limited attempts at creating varied sentences to address audience and purpose.</li> <li>• Often sentences are somewhat awkward.</li> <li>• Little attempt at using stylistic techniques.</li> <li>• Conveys some ideas clearly.</li> <li>• Uses vague, ineffective word choice.</li> <li>• Demonstrates little to no development of a personal voice.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses simplistic sentence structures that are awkward and do not address audience and purpose.</li> <li>• No stylistic devices attempted.</li> <li>• Most ideas are not conveyed clearly.</li> <li>• Inadequate word choice.</li> <li>• No evidence of a personal voice.</li> </ul> |              |
| <b>Organization and Structure</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a sophisticated, well developed beginning, middle and conclusion.</li> <li>• Connects all ideas logically.</li> <li>• Uses a variety of carefully crafted sentence structures.</li> <li>• Consistently establishes appropriate paragraphing and transitions.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a well-developed beginning, middle, and conclusion.</li> <li>• Connects most ideas logically.</li> <li>• Uses a variety of well-structured sentence</li> <li>• Most of the time establishes appropriate paragraphing and transitions</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates an unfocused beginning, middle and a simple conclusion.</li> <li>• Creates answer that is poorly structured.</li> <li>• Uses some sentence variety with errors that begin to interfere with meaning.</li> <li>• Shows faulty paragraphing and lack of transitions.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a limited response with no clear beginning, middle, and conclusion.</li> <li>• Creates confusion in structure.</li> <li>• Uses little to no sentence structure variety.</li> <li>• Many structural errors</li> <li>• Weak to no paragraphing or transition.</li> </ul>     |              |

|  | <b>A</b>   | <b>B</b>  | <b>C-D</b>   | <b>F</b>   | <b>Score</b> |
|--|--|---|--|--|--------------|
|  | 10-9   | 8-7   | 6-5  | 4-0  |              |
| <b>Mechanics,<br/>Grammar,<br/>Professional Format</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainly error free.</li> <li>Uses APA citation correctly where applicable for referencing sources.</li> <li>Meets and exceeds all requirements for an excellent academic response.</li> <li>Meets and exceeds all requirements of the assignment.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics.</li> <li>Generally uses APA citation correctly where applicable for referencing sources.</li> <li>Meets most requirements for a well written academic response.</li> <li>Meets most requirements of the assignment.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequent errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper.</li> <li>Uses APA citation inconsistently and with errors when sources are used.</li> <li>Meets a few requirements for an acceptable academic response.</li> <li>Meets a few requirements of the assignment.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper.</li> <li>Many errors in APA citation, demonstrating lack of citation knowledge when sources are used.</li> <li>Meets few requirements for an acceptable academic response.</li> <li>Meets little to no requirements of the assignment.</li> </ul> |              |

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**Total Score out of 50:**

**Facilitator/Evaluator’s Comments:**