Scoring Criteria for WRITING Section

I. GRAMMATICAL ACCURACY

Calculate grammatical accuracy using the following procedure:

A. Count errors (i.e., errors in syntax, morphology, spelling, usage, etc.)

B. Count total words written (including conjunctions, articles, prepositions, etc.)

C. Compute the "error ratio" (ER), i.e., the number of errors per 100 words written.

$$\frac{E \text{ (no. of errors)}}{W \text{ (no. of words)}} = ER$$

D. Assign points to the ER using the following equivalency table. (Example: ER of .08 = 34 points)

ER =	Points	ER =	Points	ER =	Points	ER =	Points	ER =	Points
.00	40	.11	32	.21	23	.31	16	.41	8
.01	40	.12	31	.22	23	.32	15	.42	7
.02	39	.13	30	.23	22	.33	14	.43	6
.03	38	.14	29	.24	21	.34	13	.44	5
.04	37	.15	28	.25	20	.35	12	.45	4
.05	36	.16	28	.26	20	.36	12	.46	4
.06	36	.17	27	.27	19	.37	11	.47	3
.07	35	.18	26	.28	18	.38	10	.48	2
.08	34	.19	25	.29	17	.39	9	.49	1
.09	33	.20	24	.30	16	.40	8	.50-1.0	0
.10	32								

II. GENERAL QUALITY

To determine the general quality of the written response, consider such things as organization, complexity of structures and phrases, appropriateness of vocabulary, style and expression for the situation, etc.

Add to the ER point total the appropriate number of points for quality of response according to the following criteria:

5 = excellent   3 = good   1 = below average
4 = very good   2 = satisfactory 0 = unsatisfactory

III.   ADJUSTMENT FOR LENGTH

If the examinee wrote fewer than 150 words, subtract
from the accumulated point total thus far the number of
points indicated in the following table:

Words written	Points deducted
140-149	1
130-139	2
120-129	3
110-119	4
100-109	5
90-99	6
80-89	7
70-79	8
60-69	9
50-59	10
40-49	11
30-39	12
20-29	13
10-19	14
0-9	15

IV.   TOTAL SCORE

The total possible writing score after computing all
three parts is 45 points.