

Short Constructed Response Rubric (3 trait, 1-3 score scale). *Note:* Responses should be a single paragraph.

Trait 1: Accuracy of Information -The response provides a correct and comprehensive answer to the prompt, addressing the core concepts and avoiding any fundamental misunderstandings.

- **Score 1 (Basic):** Demonstrates limited or incorrect understanding. Major misconceptions or factual errors are present.
- **Score 2 (Proficient):** Generally accurate understanding. Addresses most of the prompt with minor errors or gaps.
- **Score 3 (Distinguished):** Factually accurate and thorough. Addresses all aspects of the prompt without error.

Trait 2: Clarity of Explanation- Ideas are logically organized, clearly expressed, and written in complete sentences.

- **Score 1 (Basic):** Difficult to follow due to unclear phrasing, poor organization, or incomplete thoughts.
- **Score 2 (Proficient):** Generally clear and organized with some awkward phrasing or jumps in logic.
- **Score 3 (Distinguished):** Well-organized, cohesive, and fluent. Ideas are clearly expressed throughout.

Trait 3: Supporting Details- The response is well-supported by evidence or relevant details, particularly when required by the prompt.

- **Score Point 1 (Basic):** Lacks relevant support. Details are vague, incorrect, or missing.
- **Score Point 2 (Proficient):** Includes some appropriate support, though it may be general or underdeveloped.
- **Score Point 3 (Distinguished):** Provides specific, well-chosen support that clearly strengthens the response.