

Holistic Scoring Guide for Civic Writing:

POINTS	DESCRIPTION
4	In Order to Receive A 4-Point Score, The Response Must:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide one (or more) piece(s) of accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the text or other materials. • Give a clearly stated position on the issue. • Provide one (or more) piece(s) of accurate, valid, and relevant supporting knowledge from history, geography, civics, or economics that comes from the student's prior knowledge (information other than that supplied by the Data Section of the HSPT or a Core Democratic Value of American constitutional democracy). • Provide at least one supporting point that is based on the Core Democratic Values of American constitutional democracy. • Provide one reason that acknowledges an opposing viewpoint and refutes that position on the issue
3	In Order to Receive A 3-Point Score, The Response Must:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a clearly stated position on the issue • Provide at least one supporting point that is based on the Core Democratic Values of American constitutional democracy. • Contain at least two of the remaining elements
2	In Order to Receive A 2-Point Score, The Response Must:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a clearly stated position on the issue. • Contain one or two of the remaining four elements.
1	In Order to Receive A 1-Point Score, The Response Must:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a clearly stated position on the issue.
0	Response Shows No Evidence of Any Elements, Or No Clearly Stated Position Is Found.
<p><i>The Michigan Department of Education supplied this document as a scoring example for the HSPT test.</i></p>	

