

Discussion Rubric					
Criteria	Ratings				Points
Identification of Main Issues, Problems, and Concepts	Distinguished - 5 points Identify and demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of the issues, problems, and concepts.	Excellent - 4 points Identifies and demonstrate an accomplished understanding of most of issues, problems, and concepts.	Fair - 2 points Identifies and demonstrate an acceptable understanding of most of issues, problems, and concepts.	Poor - 1 point Identifies and demonstrate an unacceptable understanding of most of issues, problems, and concepts.	5 points
Use of Citations, Writing Mechanics and APA Formatting Guidelines	Distinguished - 3 points Effectively uses the literature and other resources to inform their work. Exceptional use of citations and extended referencing. High level of APA precision and free of grammar and spelling errors.	Excellent - 2 points Effectively uses the literature and other resources to inform their work. Moderate use of citations and extended referencing. Moderate level of APA precision and free of grammar and spelling errors.	Fair - 1 point Ineffectively uses the literature and other resources to inform their work. Moderate use of citations and extended referencing. APA style and writing mechanics need more precision and attention to detail.	Poor - 0 points Ineffectively uses the literature and other resources to inform their work. An unacceptable use of citations and extended referencing. APA style and writing mechanics need serious attention.	3 points
Response to Posts of Peers	Distinguished - 2 points Student constructively responded to two other posts and either extended, expanded or provided a rebuttal to each.		Fair - 1 point Student constructively responded to one other post and either extended, expanded or provided a rebuttal.	Poor - 0 points Student provided no response to a peer's post.	2 points
Total Points					10