Writing Assignment

Criteria	Ratings				Pts
Mechanics or writing (spelling, punctuation, grammar, clarity or prose)	10.0 pts Level 4 Clear, readable, prose. Good use of transitions; no problems with spelling, punctuation, or grammar.	8.0 pts Level 3 Frequent problems with mechanics of language; Occasional awkward sentences and poor transitions; reduce readability	4.0 pts Level 2 Major problems with mechanics of language; Awkward sentence structure construction; Poor or absent transitions; Frequently difficult to understand	0.0 pts Level 1 ------	10.0 pts
Organization and logic of answer	5.0 pts Level 4 Clear and logical presentation; good development of an argument; Transitions are made clearly and smoothly	4.0 pts Level 3 Minor problems or organization or logic; Needs work on creating transitions between ideas	2.0 pts Level 2 Weak organization; sentences rambling; ideas are repeated	0.0 pts Level 1 ------	5.0 pts
Demonstrates knowledge of readings	5.0 pts Level 4 The essay makes reference to the readings and/or supporting materials. Student paraphrases majority of the information.	4.0 pts Level 3 The essay makes reference to the readings and/or supporting materials. Student uses direct quotes for majority of the information.	2.0 pts Level 2 The essay makes reference to the readings and/or supporting materials, but not all information.	0.0 pts Level 1 The essay does not make reference to the readings and/or supporting materials.	5.0 pts
Relevance of answer to the question	5.0 pts Level 4 Answer is complete; sufficient detail provided to support assertions; answer focuses only on issues related to the question; factually correct	4.0 pts Level 3 Answer is brief with insufficient detail. Unrelated issues were introduced and/or minor errors in content.	2.0 pts Level 2 Answer is incomplete. Excessive discussion of unrelated issues and/or insignificant errors in content	0.0 pts Level 1 The essay did not answer the question.	5.0 pts
					Total Points: 25.0