

# Introduction to Philosophy

## Analytical Essay #1 – Grading Sheet

Student:

Grade:

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	Excellent	Satisfactory	Mediocre	Unacceptable
<b>Structure/Organization</b>				
<i>Does the paper follow the “General Technical Requirements for Formatting Papers”?</i>	5	4	2	0
<i>Does it have a proper introduction as specified by the assignment?</i>	3	2	1	0
<i>Does it have a proper conclusion as specified by the assignment?</i>	3	2	1	0
<i>Does its body generally follow the instructions of the assignment?</i>	5	4	2	0
<i>Does its organization and use of language convey the paper’s ideas in a clear and transparent way?</i>	10	8	4	0
<b>Content</b>				
<i>Does the paper clearly provide any necessary background information for understanding the arguments under analysis (AUAs)?</i>	5	4	2	0
<i>Does the paper clearly and compellingly identify the main thesis or conclusion of <b>each</b> of the AUAs?</i>	5	4	2	0
<i>Does the paper clearly and compellingly identify the principle premises or reasons offered as support for the main thesis or conclusion in each AUA?</i>	20	16	8	0
<i>Does the paper clearly explain why these premises or reasons are thought to be plausible, compelling, and difficult to deny?</i>	20	16	8	0
<i>Does the paper clearly and compellingly identify the structure of the inferences used to show how the premises are supposed to entail the conclusion in each AUA?</i>	20	16	8	0
<i>Does the paper clearly isolate a fundamental point of disagreement between the two AUAs?</i>	10	8	4	0
<i>Does the paper clearly identify which AUA it claims is stronger on that point of disagreement and then provide a clear and convincing argument for this claim?</i>	25	20	10	0
<i>Does the paper employ examples to help clarify both AUAs?</i>	5	4	2	0
<i>Overall, does the paper show adroit skill at explaining the two AUAs, as well as its position with respect to them, to the reader?</i>	5	4	2	0

General Comments: