

Introduction to Philosophy

Analytical Essay #2 – Grading Sheet

Student:

Grade:

Grader:

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Mediocre	Unacceptable
Structure/Organization				
<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
Content				
<i>Does the paper clearly provide any necessary background information for understanding its argument?</i>	10	8	4	0
<i>Does the paper clearly present the main thesis or conclusion that it intends to defend?</i>	5	4	2	0
<i>Does the paper clearly present the premises or reasons in support of its main thesis or conclusion?</i>	20	16	8	0
<i>Does the paper clearly explain why these premises or reasons are plausible, compelling, and difficult to deny?</i>	30	24	12	0
<i>Does the paper clearly and persuasively explain the inferences used to show how the premises are supposed to entail the main thesis or conclusion?</i>	20	16	8	0
<i>Does the paper clearly and carefully integrate the course’s material into its argument by making at least two non-trivial references to it?</i>	15	12	6	0
<i>Does the paper employ examples to help clarify its main points?</i>	5	4	2	0
<i>Overall, does the paper show adroit skill at presenting and defending its main thesis or conclusion to the reader?</i>	5	4	2	0

General Comments: