

The 8-9 Essay

- Contains a clear, well-developed thesis that shows change over time
- Supports thesis with substantial, specific, and relevant information
- Presents a reasonably balanced treatment that effectively addresses both tradition and change from the fall of Rome to the rise of Medieval Europe
- May contain minor errors
- Is well organized and well written

The 5-7 Essay

- Contains thesis that may be partially developed that shows change over time
- May simply restate the question
- Supports thesis with some specific, limited, relevant information
- Presents a limited or unbalanced treatment of tradition and change
- May contain errors that do not seriously detract from the quality of the essay
- Has acceptable writing and organization

The 2-4 Essay

- Contains a confused or undeveloped thesis that may not show change over time
- Provided few relevant facts with little or no comparison
- Imbalanced treatment
- May contain major errors
- May be poorly organized and/or written

The 0-1 Essay

- Lacks a thesis
- Demonstrates an incompetent or inappropriate response
- Has little or no understanding of the question
- May contain substantial factual errors
- Is poorly written and organized

The – Essay

- Is completely off topic or blank