

**AP<sup>®</sup> ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION**  
**2011 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)**

**Question 1**

The score should reflect a judgment of the essay's quality as a whole. Remember that students had only 15 minutes to read the sources and 40 minutes to write; the essay, therefore, is not a finished product and should not be judged by standards appropriate for an out-of-class assignment. Evaluate the essay as a draft, making certain to reward students for what they do well.

All essays, even those scored 8 or 9, may contain occasional lapses in analysis, prose style, or mechanics. Such features should enter into your holistic evaluation of an essay's overall quality. In no case may an essay with many distracting errors in grammar and mechanics be scored higher than a 2.

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- 9** Essays earning a score of 9 meet the criteria for a score of 8 and, in addition, are especially sophisticated in their argument, thorough in development, or impressive in their control of language.

**8 Effective**

Essays earning a score of 8 **effectively** develop a position on the extent to which government should be responsible for fostering green practices. They develop their position by effectively synthesizing\* at least three of the sources. The evidence and explanations used are appropriate and convincing. Their prose demonstrates a consistent ability to control a wide range of the elements of effective writing but is not necessarily flawless.

- 7** Essays earning a score of 7 meet the criteria for a score of 6 but provide more complete explanation, more thorough development, or a more mature prose style.

**6 Adequate**

Essays earning a score of 6 **adequately** develop a position on the extent to which government should be responsible for fostering green practices. They develop their position by adequately synthesizing at least three of the sources. The evidence and explanations used are appropriate and sufficient. The language may contain lapses in diction or syntax, but generally the prose is clear.

- 5** Essays earning a score of 5 develop a position on the extent to which government should be responsible for fostering green practices. They develop their position by synthesizing at least three sources, but how they use and explain sources is somewhat uneven, inconsistent, or limited. The argument is generally clear, and the sources generally develop the student's position, but the links between the sources and the argument may be strained. The writing may contain lapses in diction or syntax, but it usually conveys the student's ideas adequately.

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\* For the purposes of scoring, *synthesis* means referring to sources to develop a position and citing them accurately.

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**4 Inadequate**

Essays earning a score of 4 **inadequately** develop a position on the extent to which government should be responsible for fostering green practices. They develop their position by synthesizing at least two sources, but the evidence or explanations used may be inappropriate, insufficient, or less convincing. The sources may dominate the student's attempts at development, the link between the argument and the sources may be weak, or the student may misunderstand, misrepresent, or oversimplify the sources. The prose generally conveys the student's ideas but may be less consistent in controlling the elements of effective writing.

- 3** Essays earning a score of 3 meet the criteria for a score of 4 but demonstrate less success in developing a position on the extent to which government should be responsible for fostering green practices. They are less perceptive in their understanding of the sources, or their explanation or examples may be particularly limited or simplistic. The essays may show less maturity in control of writing.

**2 Little Success**

Essays earning a score of 2 demonstrate **little success** in developing a position on the extent to which government should be responsible for fostering green practices. They may merely allude to knowledge gained from reading the sources rather than citing the sources themselves. These essays may misread the sources, fail to develop a position, or substitute a simpler task by merely summarizing or categorizing the sources or by merely responding to the prompt tangentially with unrelated, inaccurate, or inappropriate explanation. The prose often demonstrates consistent weaknesses in writing, such as grammatical problems, a lack of development or organization, or a lack of control.

- 1** Essays earning a score of 1 meet the criteria for a score of 2 but are undeveloped, especially simplistic in their explanation, weak in their control of writing, or do not cite even one source.

**0** Indicates an on-topic response that receives no credit, such as one that merely repeats the prompt.

— Indicates a blank response or one that is completely off topic.

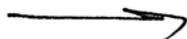
It is no secret that our environment has shown many signs of becoming a major cause for concern throughout the country and the world. The current problems posed and their many implications, such as water pollution, air pollution, global warming, deforestation, and many more, have caused an upsurge of organizations whose goals are to raise awareness for <sup>the sake of</sup> future generations and to implement change. While these zealous people are integral to keeping the world's "green movement" alive and moving along, what is just as important is the respective nations' governments' roles in enforcing and regulating acts that may keep our environment from worsening at a high rate.

The government has two primary ways to stem the detrimental effects of the earth's key environmental issues: one is short term solutions, and the other is, naturally, long term solutions. What some countries' governments have already done and has proved effective is appropriating proper incentives as well as retribution for citizens who take the extra measures to go the environmentally friendly way, or do just the opposite, respectively. These short term measures, such as taxing drivers <sup>with</sup> that "punishes high-powered, gas-guzzling engines" and their ~~car~~ while giving a tax rebate to those who "opt for hybrids." ~~the~~ (Source B). While Singapore is able to keep these policies under control, the United States



"Congress and White House officials" should be able to do the same. An issue is only as important as policymakers can make it, and if influential figures prioritize the environment over other matters, ~~things~~ immediate results would occur. Other similar policies that the U.S. government already has in place are measures like the "license to pollute" in certain industrial areas. This tax in order to combat the negative spillovers of a factory producing goods necessary to the country's economy could pay for the more long-term environmental solutions while preventing some companies from polluting unnecessarily. Fines could not only stop, to a certain extent, vast air and water pollution, but the funds could be put to further <sup>alternative</sup> energy source research. ~~And while it is vital for the government~~

Though it is more than vital for the government to put these measures in place, it is even more important for the government to continually play a role as a police-like force in order to maintain its previously implemented measures. It is not enough to pass a law - one must uphold its sustainability, for long term effects. One such example is the recent enforcement of the Clean Water Act, enacted by the Environmental Protection Agency decades ago. The recent meeting decided to be stronger about the policies, setting new technology in place to identify ~~to~~ the pollution perpetrator and to keep the fines rigid. Some more economically-favored citizens argue that developments to help the globe in the long run may



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point out that "companies are the ones who <sup>must</sup> shoulder the financial burden of unwise investments," or that "going green eats up time for productivity" ~~is~~ (Source A) may be right to some extent, but fail to realize that the little steps taken could actually result in an overwhelmingly positive outcome that everyone, even businesses, can benefit from. It cannot be denied that companies that employ a "green" marketing strategy by using <sup>earth-</sup>friendly materials or processes when making products fare better on the moral and consumer scale. Sebastian Winter's claim that "when new industries grab a foothold, oil industries will fall by the wayside" (Source A) overlooks the fact that America's current dependence on oil is the economic problem, and the government's investment in finding a long-term alternative solution to our energy problem could relieve the lives of many factories and citizens. Yes, some environmentalists may "minimize the costs of dealing with" <sup>(Source D)</sup> global warming and such, and some solutions seem too easy to be true, but even if the costs are heavy, the public should support what should be a greater role for the government to help alleviate this ~~global~~ soon-to-be (if we aren't careful) ~~is~~ global crisis.

As said, while the government should play a key role in the crusade toward a "healthier planet," we the public are just as, if not more important than the policymakers ~~is~~ when it comes to implementing change. We need to raise awareness of all the problems and possible situations if we sit idly by and



let everything around continue. Articles like those of Thomas Friedman are abundant, as they should be, for raising awareness and getting people to see the mess we are in is half the battle. The world is "hot, flat, and crowded," and we must tackle these big problems as "the biggest challenge of our lifetime." <sup>(Source C)</sup> If enough voices speak, <sup>and</sup> if enough bodies take action, governments will realize how significant we all feel the issue is and will ideally put the problem higher on their legislative agenda. Citizens in the highest polluter countries should do little things like use fluorescent light bulbs, "take short showers," use less electricity, and save energy in general when at home or on the road (Source F). Policy is important, but so is individual action, as parts really do make up a whole.

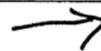
It is easy for citizens and government officials alike to say we need to do something about the environment soon before <sup>clean</sup> water becomes a sought-after commodity like oil is now, before the ozone layer resembles a doily, and before there are no forests left for animal habitats. It is harder to actually do something about it, whether that's enacting a short-term fine-and-reward plan, investing in other possible sources of energy, or turning off the television. All everyone does can make a major impact when put together, and so long as we all <sup>continue to</sup> foster green practices, <sup>with the government and people playing key roles,</sup> perhaps the environmental tragedies we all fear will stay in our minds, and only in our minds.

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Over the past few years, great attention and publicity has been called to the state of our world. Regardless of the debate about whether we are experiencing global warming or global climate change, the results all conclude that we are contributing ~~the~~ to the sped-up destruction of our world. Under such dire circumstances, it is imperative that action is taken and carried out through exemplary action of our nation's governments.

When new action-plans are starting up, a leader aids in guiding its followers along the appropriate path. In this instance ~~with global~~ where the "world has a problem" (Source C), the United States would provide an influential voice <sup>toward</sup> ~~of~~ the right <sup>path</sup> ~~way~~. If such a large nation as America were to break free of its wasteful habits, the other four ~~to~~ countries contributing a combined 54% of the world's carbon dioxide emissions (Source E), would be quick to act as well. When one large stone begins to inch forward, it gains more <sup>attention</sup> ~~publicity~~ and support than ten small stones bounding ahead.

However, despite the ~~necessity of~~ great



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necessity of having a leader, it still remains important to have smaller ~~and~~ ~~more~~ countries, such as Singapore, take action. ~~Places like~~ Singapore ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> a perfect example of the extreme involvement in which governments need to engage. Due to the fact that "tax policy is public policy" (Source B), taxes are the prime area to target. As learned in Webber's ~~text~~ excerpt, high taxes for the betterment of the nation's carbon footprint, & a "mass transit system", are standards set by the government, and are therefore, carried out.

Amidst such an issue, it is required to note that, as Source E's graph depicts, individuals are attempting to make a difference. ~~Perhaps~~ ~~these people believe the government~~ The results ~~do~~ demonstrate both American and Japanese people's commitment to change; nonetheless the remaining three nations appear to need a higher authority's decree in order to find motivation to change.

It has been argued that the required drastic changes would cost corporations ~~too much~~ overly excessive amounts of money ~~as~~ which would result in "workers lose jobs" and would "adversely



affect the gross national product" (Source A). True, companies may lose money and worker's "3 minutes per week" (winters) would be ~~spent~~ energy aimed towards this cause of going green, but as the old saying goes "it has to get worse before it gets better." The sacrifice of a nation would allow the world to reap the benefits years later.

The ~~possibility of the~~ individual doing their part is possible in inexpensive ways, outlined by Source F. However the massive change and action has to come from within the government if such a world-scale problem is ever to be resolved.

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Green environment is necessary for any countries environment. The United States environmentalists believe that green is good in conclusion humanity. There way of thinking is not wrong. Green environment keeps the atmosphere clean and people live a healthy life through green environment. Mostly people got different type of allergies for a pollen allergy by green environment. To much green environment is also harmful for human beings. It also destroys the economy of a country. Because if a country will not cut trees and build factories or different industries that there will be a lack of jobs in the country and thus the economy will fall. The government of United States should consider some of these facts that by going green it will benefit them but similarly it will be harmful for their economy. Recycling should be taken place so that the waste should not pollute the environment. Recycling is the best way to protect the environment. Industrialists may believe that by going to green environment they could not do their businesses and green ~~environment~~ environment destroys their.

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Question 1 Source A

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Plans of building factories at the same time  
Thought of building factories the consumer  
needs and want's are fulfilled. so there  
should be a way ~~that industries~~ builded  
that your environment should be kept and  
at the same time industries should be  
builded in the United states -

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**Question 1**

**Sample: 1A**  
**Score: 9**

Displaying an impressive command of language (despite a few minor errors that are in the nature of a first draft), this essay creates a balance between considering government involvement in and individual responsibility for the green movement. Making a clear distinction between immediate, short-term factors (e.g., taxes on polluters) and distant, long-term ones (e.g., enforcing the Clean Water Act), the student also illustrates how the two are related. For example, on page 3 the essay notes that “the little steps taken” to address environmental issues can have lasting impact. Within the essay, the student evaluates numerous factors that influence how much the government should be responsible for fostering green practices, ultimately taking the position that the public’s role is as important as the government’s: “Policy is important, but so is individual action, as parts really do make up a whole.” This position takes into consideration both sides of the issue, as it responds, for example, to people who do not believe in global warming. Throughout the essay, the student synthesizes the evidence fully, creating an effective response that is especially sophisticated in its argument and thorough in its development.

**Sample: 1B**  
**Score: 5**

The essay presents a position and supports it with at least three sources for evidence. However, the logic explaining this evidence is limited. For example, in paragraph 2, the essay states that if “America were to break free of its wasteful habits,” other leading countries “would be quick to act as well.” The student’s argument is generally clear, but the links between the sources and the argument are sometimes strained, as on page 3: “True, companies may lose money and worker’s [*sic*] ‘3 minutes per week’ (Winters) would be energy aimed towards this cause of going green, but as the old saying goes ‘it has to get worse before it gets better.’” With its uneven use of evidence, this essay earned a score of 5.

**Sample: 1C**  
**Score: 2**

This essay demonstrates little success in its discussion of “going to green environmt [*sic*],” responding to the prompt with inaccurate and inappropriate evidence. For example, the student exaggerates the claims of the green movement to assume that its goal is to “not cut trees and build factories.” Furthermore, this essay does not use any sources in its discussion. Though the student does allude to some sources (e.g., the discussion of green practices destroying the economy and the discussion of recycling), the connections are implicit at best. The prose demonstrates consistent problems in grammar and usage.