Paragraph Marking Criteria - Descriptive Topics

CREDIT		
Item	**Points Possible**	**Criteria**
Introduction	2	• 1 point for being there • 1 point for making sense
Conclusion	2	• 1 point for being there • 1 point for making sense
Grammar/Syntax	4	• deduct 1/2 point per error
Vocabulary/Usage	2	• deduct 1/2 point per error
Punctuation/Capitalization	2	• deduct 1/2 point per error
Spelling	2	• deduct 1/2 point per error
Transitions	3	• (first, second, finally, etc.) • 1 point each for being there
Quality	3	• sense • logical relationships between clauses • logical flow of ideas within the paragraph • using grammar/vocabulary covered in class • originality, etc
Total	20	• cannot fall below zero

SPECIFIC PENALTIES		
Item	**Points Deducted**	**Criteria**
• Missing sentences • Sentences are incoherent • Sentences are irrelevant to the rest of the paragraph	(-2)	• deduct 2 points for each missing, incoherent or irrelevant sentence **Do not deduct grammar, spelling etc. for sentences marked as irrelevant or incoherent.**
Paragraph is not about the assigned topic	(-10)	• deduct 10 points for being off topic (this is because students often try to write a paragraph they prepared and memorized before the exam)
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Inappropriate Use of Transitions/Conjunctions	(-0.5)	• deduct 1/2 point for each misused transition or conjunction