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SCORING KEY FOR PART I
AND RATING GUIDE FOR PART II
(THEMATIC ESSAY)

Updated information regarding the rating of this examination may be posted on the New York State Education Department’s web site during the rating period. Visit the site http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/ and select the link “Examination Scoring Information” for any recently posted information regarding this examination. This site should be checked before the rating process for this examination begins and at least one more time before the final scores for the examination are recorded.

Contents of the Rating Guide

For Part I (Multiple-Choice Questions):  
• Scoring Key

For Part II (thematic) essay:  
• A content-specific rubric
• Prescored answer papers. Score levels 5 and 1 have two papers each, and score levels 4, 3, and 2 have three papers each. They are ordered by score level from high to low.
• Commentary explaining the specific score awarded to each paper
• Five prescored practice papers

General:  
• Test Specifications
• Web addresses for the test-specific conversion chart and teacher evaluation forms

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