Essay Question- Student Written Response on Ponderable Questions-10 points

Criteria Criteria	Advanced (10-8 points)	Proficient (7-5 points)	Basic (4-2 points)	Below Basic-1
OCCASION FOR REFLECTION Coastal Biology Study Questions	Responses show that the writer • uses extended detail like a	Responses show that the writer • presents their response	Responses show that the writer • does not go deeply	Responses show that the writer • assumes information
1. How might the current tidal biology change were the mean ocean levels to rise - say 10 feet?	writer uses language to be convincing shows great depth of	through use of concrete, sensory language, providing evidence effectively focuses on a	enough. • leaves out important aspects i.e. definitions • uses concrete detail.	that prompted response is implied
2. How might coastal biology change if - the moon- were suddenly removed from our solar system? Would coastal biology become less diverse, etc?	thought. • is creative and original • reveals ideas through use of comparison and imagery.	single subject including related experiences and observations.		
REFLECTION • exploring • analyzing	 implicitly reveals ideas and thoughts makes the reader understand the abstract ideas underlying the response through use of specific detail. 	 is thoughtful, convincing, insightful, and exploratory. is firmly grounded in the subject. reveals a strong understanding of the subject response analyzes by looking at more than one angle. explores the subject in personal and general reflections. 	is limited to flimsy generalizations	uses only simple, obvious statements.
 WRITING STRATEGIES using specific details comparing, contrasting, naming, describing reporting conversations reviewing the history explaining possibilities creating a scenario 	effectively uses writing strategies to enhance response.	uses a variety of writing strategies.	• uses specific, concrete details to make the response clear to the reader.	• does not attempt to elaborate ideas or elaborates only through repetition of the initial statement.
COHERENCE AND STYLE	consistently uses appropriate language	shows deep insight through a natural flow of ideas and an effective conclusion	• achieves unity through a natural progression of ideas.	uses precise language