GENERAL SCORING GUIDE FOR SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS OR WRITING PROMPTS

HIGH - Excellent Response (5/6 On District Rubric)
- Demonstrates thorough understanding of the most significant aspects of material.
- Responds appropriately to all parts of the question.
- Provides strong explanation, well-supported by relevant evidence.
- Demonstrates thorough knowledge of subject matter, concepts, theories, facts, procedures.
- Demonstrates excellent writing skills, uses paragraph form, sophisticated sentence structure, correct grammar/spelling/mechanics, rich vocabulary.

AVERAGE - Adequate Response (3/4 On District Rubric)
- Demonstrates basic understanding of the most significant aspects of material.
- Responds appropriately to most aspects of the question.
- Provides adequate explanation, sufficiently supported by relevant evidence.
- Demonstrates sufficient knowledge of subject matter, concepts, theories, facts, procedures.
- Demonstrates adequate writing skills, uses paragraph form, complete sentences, makes minor errors in grammar/spelling/mechanics, uses basic but appropriate vocabulary.

LOW - Weak or Incorrect Response (1/2 On District Rubric)
- Demonstrates misunderstanding of significant aspects of material.
- Fails to respond appropriately to most parts of the question.
- Provides a weak explanation, not supported by relevant evidence.
- Demonstrates weak or incorrect knowledge of subject matter, concepts, theories, facts, procedures.
- Demonstrates poor writing skills, sentence structure problems, many errors in grammar/spelling/mechanics, limited vocabulary.