Critical Writing Assessment Rubric (Blind Review)
Revised 2010

Paper Code: __________
Date Reviewed: __________
Reader: __________ (Initials)

1. Thesis
The essay contains a clear and relevant thesis.

0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___

2. Organization
The paragraphs are logically ordered within the essay.

0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___

3. Argumentation
The essay provides good reason(s) for accepting the thesis.

0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___

4. Critical Reflection
The essay acknowledges objections to the thesis and provides appropriate replies.

0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___

5. Clarity
The essay presents ideas and arguments with clarity and precision.

0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___

6. Grammar and Mechanics
The essay uses correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___

7. Style
The essay is written in an engaging and interesting manner that appropriately integrates elements such as vocabulary, phrasing, and voice.

0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___

KEY:
4 = No problems with this characteristic and overall quality is excellent
3 = A few problems with this characteristic, but overall quality is good
2 = Enough problems with this characteristic so that overall quality is fair
1 = Numerous problems with this characteristic so that overall quality is poor
0 = Absence of this characteristic, or so many problems with this characteristic that the overall quality is deficient