Possible scores

6 A superior response will address itself to all aspects of the question. Though it may have occasional faults, it will be well organized, detailed, and generally well written.

5-4 These scores will be useful for a well-handled paper that is weak in some aspects of the superior response; for example, it may slight one of the parts of the question; it may not be as clearly organized as the superior response; it may have some minor grammatical inconsistencies. Otherwise, the paper should be competently written.

3 This score will be useful for the following kinds of paper:
--those that are only descriptive or narrative
--those in which the language is overly clichéd
--those that are overly repetitious
--those that are general and superficial

This score will also be useful for papers that are developed with some specificity and detail but are marred by more than a few minor grammatical inconsistencies.

2 This score is to be used for papers that exhibit serious weaknesses in structure, syntax, diction, and/or development.

1 This score is to be used for papers that show very little understanding of the question or suggest incompetence in structure, syntax, and diction.