

Master's Comprehensive Exam

The essay portions of the exam will be evaluated using the following rubric:

Writing

5 points

Well organized; carefully reasoned
Good sense of unity, clarity, and coherence
Varied and appropriate word usage
Interesting sentence structure
Few, if any, grammatical or mechanical errors

3-4 points

Essay is organized, but not carefully reasoned
Adequate unity, clarity, and coherence
Appropriate word usage and sentence structure
Minimal grammatical and mechanical errors

0-2 points

Poorly organized, faulty logic, superfluous ideas
Little unity, clarity, and coherence
Poor word usage
Numerous grammatical and mechanical errors

Content

Outstanding: 18-20 points
Good: 14-17 points
Average: 11-13 points
Poor: 0-10 points

The content of the essay will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Adequate attention to all portions of the question
- Relevance to classroom practice
- Justification of ideas
- Clear argument with appropriate examples
- Thoughtful references to authoritative sources