

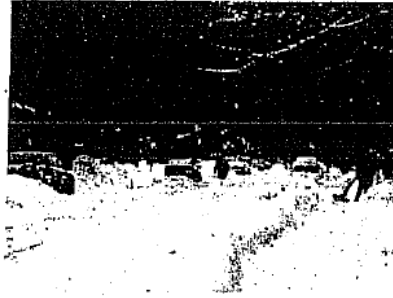
Scoring Guide for Long Writing Topic Development
Section IV News Report Question 1

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Storm Shuts Down Region

On Tuesday March 8th a snow storm hit the southern coast of Ontario, shutting down many of the work areas. The storm that started from Vancouver hit at 24 km/h and reached city closing down many regions, especially the region. Regional weather official, Mary Kate says, "Canada can be unpredictable but we weren't expecting this huge amount this late in the year." The storm closed down schools, banks and even universities. "The problem is that we weren't even warned about it so, we were very unprepared. We actually didn't have our equipment handy when we first heard about it" says name, one of the region's experts in snow management. The storm caused many drivers to get stuck in the road for as much as 2 hours. "The depth of 170 cm of snow is the most shocking snow disaster we have ever had, since 1978," says old Jack, one of the senior citizens. Due to this disaster many plans, meetings and lessons were delayed. Students were advised not to even attempt going to school after one student name slipped into a 60 cm wide hole and broke her leg. "It was very scary as I was trying to break free from the whole and my body was half buried in snow," she says. The mayor of city declared this day "zero day" since nothing could get done. "I guess this is a wake up call that we need to always be prepared for snow," he said. After all Canadian weather has always had a remarkable history.



Annotation:

There is a clear and consistent focus on an event (snowstorm). Sufficient specific supporting details (southern coast of Ontario, Vancouver, 24 km/h, York Region, Mary Kate, 170 cm, 1978, 50 cm) are thoughtfully chosen to develop the news report. Organization is coherent. Quotations are effectively placed. Final statement is an effective conclusion, connecting to the ideas in the response.

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A record breaking snow storm shuts down the region of town for hours, and left hundreds of people without electricity for up to 6 hours!



Early Monday morning name had a huge amount of snow drop down on them from mother nature! Many people had different thoughts on the storm when we asked them later that night.

Mary-Lou a third grader from school said, "I love the snow! Its so much fun to play in, and we get a day off school!" On the other hand when we asked Mary-Lou's mother what she thought of the storm she gave a very different answer!

"I don't mind the snow, but getting this much of it is just too much!" she said.

As we drove around some of the towns in the name region we saw many people shoveling, and cleaning up to four feet of snow off their drive way, I'm sure everyone will be happy to see spring comming up soon!

Annotation:

Control of conventions is evident through the use of punctuation. Some spelling errors ("diffrent," "shovoling," "comming,") and lack of commas ("Mary-Lou a third grader from . . .") do not undermine the overall control of conventions.