

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

Code	Descriptor
Blank	The page is blank with nothing written or drawn in the space provided.
Illegible	The response is illegible or irrelevant to the prompt.
Off topic	The response is off topic.
Code 10	<p>The response is related to headline and/or photo but is not a news report.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The response is a news report related to the headline and/or photo. It identifies an event, but provides no supporting details, or provides details that are unrelated to the event. There is no evidence of organization.</p>
Code 20	<p>The response is related to headline and/or photo but only partly in the form of a news report.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The response is a news report related to the headline and/or photo, but the focus on an event is unclear or inconsistent. There are insufficient supporting details: too few or repetitious. There is limited evidence of organization.</p>
Code 30	The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear focus on an event. There are insufficient and/or vague supporting details or the connection of the details to the event is not always clear. There is evidence of organization, but lapses distract from the overall communication.
Code 40	The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear and consistent focus on an event. There are sufficient supporting details, however, only some are specific. The organization is mechanical and any lapses do not distract from the overall communication.
Code 50	The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear and consistent focus on an event. There are sufficient specific supporting details to develop the news report. The organization is logical.
Code 60	The response is a news report related to the headline and photo with a clear and consistent focus on an event. There are sufficient specific supporting details, which are thoughtfully chosen to develop the news report. The organization is coherent demonstrating a thoughtful progression of ideas.

**Scoring Guide for Long Writing Conventions
Section IV News Report Question 1**

Code	Descriptor
Code 10	There is insufficient evidence to assess the use of conventions. OR Errors in conventions interfere with communication.
Code 20	Errors in conventions distract from communication.
Code 30	Errors in conventions do not distract from communication.
Code 40	Control of conventions is evident in written work.