

Interpretive Guide for Georgia Center for Assessment Practice Writing Tests

Domain Scores and the Total Score

Listed in the box on the top of the final draft page are the domain scores from two raters and the total score, which is also called a raw score. An example is provided below.

Ideas	Org.	Style	Conv.	Total (raw score)
3	3	2	3	28
3	3	2	3	

Performance Levels

The following table indicates the performance level that corresponds to the raw scores. There are two borderline levels to indicate papers that received raw scores close to the line between two performance levels.

Raw Score Range	Projected Performance Level
10 – 22	Does Not Meet the Standard (N)
23 – 26	Borderline Meets (N/M)
27 – 40	Meets the Standard (M)
41 – 43	Borderline Exceeds (M/E)
44 – 50	Exceeds the Standard (E)

Weighting of Domains

The domain scores of both raters are added together and multiplied by the weight assigned to that domain. The table below indicates the weight of each domain.

Domain	Weight	% of total score
Ideas	2 x raters' scores	40%
Organization	1 x raters' scores	20%
Style	1 x raters' scores	20%
Conventions	1 x raters' scores	20%

Sample Domain and Total Raw Score Conversions

The following table indicates the total raw scores for several domain score combinations. Two raters score each student paper, assigning a score of 1-5 in each of the four domains. The domain scores are multiplied by the weight assigned to that domain and then added together to arrive at the total score. The range of total weighted raw scores is 10 – 50.

	Domain Scores				Total Weighted Raw Score
	Ideas (x 2)	Org. (x 1)	Style (x 1)	Conv. (x 1)	
Rater 1 Rater 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	10
Rater 1 Rater 2	2 3	2 2	2 3	3 3	25
Rater 1 Rater 2	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	30
Rater 1 Rater 2	4 5	4 4	4 4	4 5	43
Rater 1 Rater 2	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	50