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Criteria	Exceptional	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the Principles of OCAP® (Points 35)	Demonstrates comprehensive understanding of OCAP principles with detailed examples and insights.	Shows good understanding of OCAP principles with relevant examples.	Demonstrates basic understanding of OCAP principles with some examples.	Shows limited understanding of OCAP principles with few examples.	Lacks understanding of OCAP principles with no examples.
Makes an argument on how you might contribute this to your future career (Points 35)	Presents a compelling and innovative argument for future contribution with clear, actionable steps.	Provides a clear argument for future contribution with some actionable steps.	Offers a general argument for future contribution with limited actionable steps.	Presents a vague argument for future contribution with unclear steps.	Does not present a coherent argument for future contribution.
Quality & clarity of thought (Points 10)	Ideas are exceptionally clear, well-organized, and logically presented.	Ideas are clear, well-organized, and logically presented.	Ideas are generally clear but may lack organization or logical flow.	Ideas are unclear and poorly organized, lacking logical flow.	Lacks clarity and organization, with incoherent ideas.
Evidence-based with cited sources (Points 10)	Utilizes a wide range of high-quality sources, all properly cited, to support arguments.	Uses several quality sources, mostly properly cited, to support arguments.	Uses some sources, with occasional citation errors, to support arguments.	Uses few sources, with frequent citation errors, to support arguments.	Uses no sources or sources are unrelated and incorrectly cited.
Grammar (Points 10)	Writing is free from grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors.	Writing contains minimal grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors.	Writing contains some grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors.	Writing contains several grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors.	Writing is filled with grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors.



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