Domain 1: IDEAS. Describe the degree to which the writer establishes a controlling idea that the international community has a strong or a limited role in the ethnic conflicts around the globe today and elaborate the main points with examples, illustrations, facts, or details that are appropriate to the persuasive genre.

Components

- Controlling Idea/Focus
- Supporting Ideas
- Relevance of Detail

- Depth of Development
- Awareness of the Persuasive Purpose
- Sense of Completeness

Full command of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:

- Fully focused on persuading classmates that the writer's argument about the role of the international community in global affairs is accurate
- Fully developed controlling idea that the international community has a strong or limited role in the ethnic conflicts around the globe today
- Supporting ideas and elaboration that are relevant include:
 - a. a clear statement of the writer's position toward the international community.
 - b. reasoned evidence that persuasively explains why this position is a good one.
 - c. proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation in a letter of this type.
- Supporting ideas are fully elaborated throughout the letter with logical examples, details, and evidence (facts, expert opinions, quotations, or commonly accepted beliefs)
- Uses rhetorical devices to support assertions (e.g., appeal to emotion, personal anecdote, analogy, logical reasoning)
- Response contains an abundance of information that fully addresses readers' concerns, counterarguments, biases, or expectations, such as the following:
 - a. The international community is too slow to react properly to these types of crises.
 - b. Even when international aid is mobilized, there is always one lead nation that guides the efforts of the coalition.

4 Consistent control of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:

- Consistently focused on persuading classmates that the writer's argument about the role of the international community role in global affairs is accurate
- Well-developed controlling idea that the international community has a strong or limited role in the ethnic conflicts around the globe today
- Supporting ideas and elaboration that are relevant include:
 - a. a clear statement of the writer's position toward the international community.
 - b. reasoned evidence that persuasively explains why this position is a good one.
- Supporting ideas are consistently well developed with specific examples, details, and evidence
- Uses some rhetorical devices to support assertions (e.g., appeal to emotion, personal anecdote, analogy, logical reasoning)

- Response contains complete information and addresses readers' concerns, counterarguments, biases, or expectations, such as the following:
 - a. The international community is too slow to react properly to these types of crises.
 - b. Even when international aid is mobilized, there is always one lead nation that guides the efforts of the coalition.

3 Sufficient control of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:

- Sufficiently focused on persuading classmates that the writer's argument about the role of the international community in global affairs is accurate
- Sufficiently developed controlling idea that the international community has a strong or limited role in the ethnic conflicts around the globe today
- Most supporting ideas are relevant to the writer's argument
- Supporting ideas are developed with some specific examples, details, and evidence that include:
 - a. a clear statement of the writer's position toward the international community.
- Some parts of the paper may be well developed, but other parts of the paper are only partially developed
- Response is generally appropriate to the persuasive purpose and may include some rhetorical devices
- Response contains sufficient information to provide a sense of completeness and address some reader concerns, such as the following:
 - a. the international community is too slow to react properly to these types of crises.

2 Minimal control of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:

- Minimally focused on persuading classmates that the writer's argument about the role of the international community in global affairs is accurate
- Minimally developed controlling idea that the international community has a strong or limited role in the ethnic conflicts around the globe today
- Some points and details may be irrelevant or inappropriate to the writer's argument
- Supporting ideas are vague, general, and/or undeveloped
- Some ideas may be partially developed, while others are simply listed without development
- Response demonstrates minimal awareness of the persuasive purpose
- Response lacks sufficient information (due to incomplete development or the repetition of supporting ideas) to provide a sense of completeness and address reader concerns

1 Little or no control of the components of Ideas. The writing is characterized by most or all of the following:

- Little or no focus on the assigned topic and/or persuasive purpose
- Writer's position may be apparent, but a controlling idea is not established
- Ideas do not advance the writer's position
- Ideas are unclear, irrelevant, and/or repeated

- Response does not demonstrate awareness of the persuasive purpose
- Lacks a sense of completeness and fails to address reader concerns
 Insufficient student writing (due to brevity or copying the prompt) to determine competence in Ideas

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