

## CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

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- (1) **Accuracy.** This means that your statements about facts are true and that your summaries of the works that you are writing about are accurate. Accuracy is achieved by looking up things.
- (2) **Validity of argument.** This means that your arguments are logically consistent, that your interpretations are plausible, and that you provide evidence for your claims.
- (3) **Originality.** This means that you go beyond summarizing the ideas and theories of others. Instead, your ideas and the way in which you put them together are your own, new and unexpected.

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- (1) **Correct spelling, punctuation, grammar and expression.** See “Marking Key” and “Common Mistakes” for the kinds of mistakes that you want to avoid.
- (2) **Clarity.** Your reader should be able to understand immediately what you mean, without having to read your sentences three times.
- (3) **Structure.** Your paper should be divided into sense units, which should be arranged in a logical and effective sequence. Sense units should correspond to paragraphs.
- (4) **Elegance and wit.** Do not try too hard for these; elegance and wit should not be attempted at the expense of clarity of correctness.