Assessment of Written English (AWE)

Sample Prompts:

1. What was the worst kind of work you ever did? This might have been anything: a paying job, household or school-related chores, or volunteer work. Describe the work. Explain why you found it unpleasant, and discuss ways that would have made it more satisfying.

2. “After all, every murderer when he kills runs the risk of the most dreadful of deaths, whereas those who kill him risk nothing except promotion.” -Albert Camus

What important issue is Camus talking about, and how does he feel about it? Do you believe capital punishment is moral? Give an example that shows why you believe your opinion is justified.

3. Cell phones are everywhere in our lives. They are used to keep in touch with friends and family and for emergencies. Write about how you use your cell phone. Focus on the advantages and disadvantages of your cell phone use.

4. “All human actions have one or more of these seven causes: chance, nature, compulsions, habit, reason, passion, desire.” -Aristotle

Of these seven causes that lead to human actions, which do you find to be most true? Give an example that focuses of one of Aristotle’s seven actions. Explain what kinds of behavior it leads to.

5. Many people play a sport. You might have played soccer, tennis, basketball, or ping pong, informally with friends or formally as part of a team. Discuss the positive effects this experience has had on your life. Focus on this sport’s lasting effects.