Grading Criteria for Opinion Essay

10	Content: The logic easy to follow.
10	Content: The essay is free from filler/fluff.
10	Content: The essay is relevant to the assigned work.
10	Content: The essay's supporting rational is clearly stated.
5	Content: The essay demonstrates strategic thinking
<u>5</u>	Content: A thesis is clearly stated.
5	Structure: A meaningful conclusion appears at the end of the essay.
5	Structure: A meaning full introduction appears at the top of the essay.
<u>5</u>	Structure: The essay has three or more paragraphs the body.
5	Grammar: The essay uses complete sentences.
3	Grammar: Contractions are not used.
2	Grammar: Misused and informal expressions have been eliminated.
2	Grammar: The essay includes a few SAT-level expression(s).
<u>5</u>	Grammar: The essay is free from spelling errors.
5	Punctuation: Periods are properly placed at the end of each sentence.
5	Punctuation: Commas, when used, are correctly and consistently placed.
<u>2</u>	Punctuation: Possessive expressions, when needed, are correct.
3	Format: The essay is double spaced.
<u>3</u>	Format: Black Times New Roman (12) font is used throughout essay.