Scores from 100 (excellent) to 0 (not acceptable) reflect the range of skills demonstrated in response to each writing assignment as laid out below.

1. **Score of 100**
   Student’s answer is Excellent.
   - Content is original, well thought out, and organized.
   - Covers the key points of the topic as described in the textbook.
   - Has no spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors.
   - Explains key points clearly and unambiguously.
   - Uses simple language.
   - Well structured, using concepts from the textbook.

2. **Score of 80**
   Student’s answer is Above Average.
   - Content is original and well organized.
   - Covers the key points of the topic as described in the textbook.
   - Has minor spelling, punctuation, and/or grammatical errors.
   - Explains key points.
   - Uses simple language.
   - Generally follows concepts from the textbook.

3. **Score of 60**
   Student’s answer is Average.
   - Content needs to be developed more and re-organized.
   - Covers some of the key points of the topic as described in the textbook.
   - Has a number of minor errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
   - Explains key points adequately.
   - Demonstrates a limited knowledge of language.
   - Uses few concepts from textbook.

4. **Score of 40**
   Student’s answer is Below Average.
   - Content not well thought out and organized poorly.
   - Covers very few of the key points of the topic as described in the textbook.
   - Has many errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
   - Does not explain key points adequately.
   - Demonstrates very limited knowledge of language.
   - Uses only one concept from textbook.

5. **Score of 20**
   Student’s answer Needs Major Improvements.
   - Poor content – not well thought out and not organized in any format.
   - Covers none of the key points of the topic as described in the textbook.
   - Spelling, punctuation, and/or grammatical errors occur in every sentence.
   - Sentences are not structured properly although key points can be discerned.
   - Limited vocabulary.
   - Does not refer to textbook.
6. **Score 0**

Student’s answer is **Unacceptable**.
- Content questionable – plagiarized or writer does not understand assignment.
- Covers none of the key points of the topic as described in the textbook.
- Spelling, punctuation, and/or grammatical errors occur in every sentence.
- Sentences are not structured properly and no key points can be discerned.
- Vocabulary very poor.
- Does not refer to textbook.

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