BFSU Final Exam Grading Rubric

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**Short Answer:** (20 points per short answer)

6 points: (a) identify the reading in which the term appears or to which it applies 6

6 points: (b) explain what it means

8 points: (c) analyze how it helps us understand what the Good Lifeis

-5 for each factual error within the answer, maximum up to -15 for factual inaccuracies.

+6 points for attempting.

**Part 2. Essays** (100 points per essay). Suggested grading:

20 points: (a) state your thesis

70 points: (b) support your argument with evidence drawn directly and specifically from the sources (35 pts each)

10 points: (c) provide a conclusion

Each essay should be 3 or 4 paragraphs, with 4 to 6 sentences per paragraph.

-15 points for going off topic

-15 points for plot summary

-15 points for information that is irrelevant to the thesis

-10 points for no conclusion (as above)

+23 points for the attempt

Thesis Statement

* Clear Thesis = 20 Points
* Unclear Thesis = 10 Points
* No Thesis = 0 Points

Resource 1 Paragraph

* Supports Thesis with Thoroughly Explained Evidence = 35 Points
* Thesis Loosely Supported/Evidence Unconnected = 25 Points
* Diffuse Thesis/Minimal Textual Evidence = 15 Points
* No Thesis/No Support = 0

Resource 2 Paragraph

* Supports Thesis with Thoroughly Explained Evidence = 35 Points
* Thesis Loosely Supported/Evidence Unconnected = 25 Points
* Diffuse Thesis/Minimal Textual Evidence = 15 Points
* No Thesis/No Support = 0

Conclusion

* Summary Restates Major Claims and Sources = 10 Points
* No Summary/No Conclusion = 0 Points