Computer Science Research Methods – Writing Assessment Rubric
Student_____
Assignment _____   Total_____

1. **Satisfies the topic, formatting, length, organizational, and deadline requirements of the writing assignment.**

Ineffective (0)	Partially Effective (1)	Effective (2)	Exceptional (3)	

Comments:

2. **Uses correct English spelling, grammar, and punctuation.**

Ineffective (0)	Partially Effective (1)	Effective (2)	Exceptional (3)	

Comments:

3. **Focuses sharply on an (interesting, important) idea, states it clearly, and supports it thoroughly.**

Ineffective (0)	Partially Effective (1)	Effective (2)	Exceptional (3)	

Comments:

4. **Targets a particular audience and writes consistently for that audience.**

Ineffective (0)	Partially Effective (1)	Effective (2)	Exceptional (3)	

Comments:

5. **Organizes the narrative to flow smoothly from the introduction through the body to the conclusions.**

Ineffective (0)	Partially Effective (1)	Effective (2)	Exceptional (3)	

Comments:

6. **Presents correct, accurate, and relevant details and logical arguments.**

Ineffective (0)	Partially Effective (1)	Effective (2)	Exceptional (3)	

Comments:

7. **Structures sentences to convey clearly *who* the actors are and *what* they do.** That is, the author (a) avoids awkward abstract nouns, (b) chooses strong, interesting, precise verbs, (c) makes the actors the subjects of clauses, and (d) places subjects near corresponding verbs.

Ineffective (0)	Partially Effective (1)	Effective (2)	Exceptional (3)	

Comments:

8. **Structures sentences and paragraphs to convey the meaning unambiguously and efficiently.** That is, the author (a) puts new information last in sentences to give logical flow (i.e., cohesive paragraphs), (b) uses passive voice judiciously to avoid ambiguity and wordiness, (c) makes the topics of the first and last sentences of a paragraph match (i.e., coherent paragraphs).

Ineffective (0)	Partially Effective (1)	Effective (2)	Exceptional (3)	

Comments:

9. **Writes carefully with concision and simplicity**. That is, the author (a) omits needless words (i.e., avoids excessive hedging and ineffectual phrases), (b) prefers simple words over complex words, (c) uses simple subjects over complex subjects, and (d) uses adjectives and adverbs frugally and precisely.

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Comments:

10. **Uses the accepted scholarly approach to quotation, paraphrasing, citation, and acknowledgment of the work of others and a consistent formatting style for citations and bibliographic entries.**

Ineffective (0)	Partially Effective (1)	Effective (2)	Exceptional (3)	

Comments:

11. **Other comments:**