

# SDSRT Scientific Essay Rubric

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## **Section 1: Title of Article** Points Possible 4

- 1 point - Title clearly demonstrates topic to be discussed and relationship of the to the field of radiologic sciences
- 1 point - Original topic that's focused on radiology.
- 1 point - Title page is in correct format.
- 1 point - Title has appropriate text size and font.

Total points scored: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

## **Section 2: Abstract of Article** Points Possible 5

- 1 point - Contains 100-150 words.
- 1 point - States clearly the question being asked or point being made.
- 1 point - Highlights most important findings and conclusions.
- 1 point - Includes enough information to understand research.
- 1 point - Is a concise summary of questions and findings.

Total points scored: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

## **Section 3: Introduction of Article** Points Possible 3

- 1 point - Introduction clearly defines the thesis of the essay.
- 1 point - Introduction has a summary of the topic.
- 1 point - Introduction describes the questions the essay was designed to answer.

Total points scored: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

## **Section 4: Main Article** Points Possible 5

- 1 point - Content is comprehensive, accurate, and persuasive.
- 1 point - Major points are stated clearly and are well supported.
- 1 point - Research is adequate, timely and addresses course concepts.
- 1 point - Content and purpose of the writing are clear.
- 1 point - Sources are identified and in correct AMA format

Total points scored: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:



**Section 5: Writing Quality** Points Possible 10

- 1 point - Essay is well organized. Beginning and end are well defined. There is good use of transitions.
- 1 point - The ideas and content are presented clearly. The central ideas and purposes are clear.
- 1 point - There is a clear common thread addressing the assigned topic throughout the entire essay.
- 1 point - Details are given to enhance the central ideas and are presented in a captivating way.
- 1 point - The paragraphs are well developed. The writing style flows smoothly.
- 1 point - Correct grammar usage, punctuation and spelling. Good sentence structure.
- 1 point - The essay piques the reader's interest.
- 1 point - Practical, original ideas of the authors are presented.
- 1 point - The presentation of the information displays unique insights.
- 1 point - Essay is appropriate in text size, font, and length.

Total points scored: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**Section 6: Conclusion** Points Possible 5

- 1 point - The findings lead to the conclusions in a logical manner.
- 1 point - Strong evidence is given to support the conclusions.
- 1 point - The strength, direction and focus of the conclusion comes from the information presented in the document.
- 1 point - The conclusion demonstrates some degree of creativity &/or innovation.
- 1 point - The main issues are addressed.

Total points scored: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**Section 7: References** Points Possible: 3

- 1 point - Essay has the correct number of sources (10).
- 1 point - Sources are correctly formatted in AMA.
- 1 point - Sources are current (within 10 years) and reputable.

Total points scored: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**Total cumulative points scored: \_\_\_\_/ 35**

