NTID Writing Test—Scoring Rubric

Organization (25 pts): This includes such features as:

- Clear statement of topic placed appropriately;
- Intent is evident to readers;
- Plan of paper could be outlined by reader (i.e., paper is unified and coherent);
- Appropriate transitions (i.e., transitional markers and clear paragraphing).

Content (25 pts): This includes such features as:

- Paper addresses the assigned topic;
- Generalizations are supported by examples;
- No extraneous material;
- Pertinence and noteworthiness of ideas.

Language Use (25 pts): This includes such features as:

- Correct use of grammatical structures (sentence and discourse level) and punctuation;
- Correct use of complex structures;
- Intelligible spelling;
- Clarity of style and expression;
- Clarity of reference.

Vocabulary Use (25 pts): This includes such features as:

- Appropriate semantic use of vocabulary;
- Consistent register;
- Sophisticated choice of vocabulary;
- Appropriate use of figurative and idiomatic expressions.