

# English II

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- 7        At first, most tourism involved sailing along the coast or flying over the land. Cruise ships sail to Antarctica frequently from November through March. However, tour operators now offer outings on or near the land, including kayaking, mountain climbing, and skiing. Some nations

## English II Reading Extended Constructed Response

### Prompt

Read the article “Antarctica: Governing the Icy Continent.” Based on the information in the article, write a response to the following:

Explain what makes the situation in Antarctica unusual.

Write a well-organized informational composition that uses specific evidence from the article to support your answer.

Remember to —

- x clearly state your thesis
- x organize your writing
- x develop your ideas in detail
- x use evidence from the selection in your response
- x use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar

Manage your time carefully so that you can —

- x review the selection
- x plan your response
- x write your response
- x revise and edit your response

Write your response in the box provided.



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1            Student writing demonstrates inconsistent command of grade-level-appropriate conventions, including limited use of correct:

- x sentence construction
- x        x punctuation
- x capitalization
- x grammar
- x spelling

The response has several errors, but the reader can understand the writer's  
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## Sample Student Responses

### Score Point 0

#### Response 1

something that makes the situation in antartica unusual is that how are people going to climb, camp, and ski when there really isnt nothing out there to climb, its to cold in antartica to camp anywhere out there unless you build a little house out there, the only thing that makes sense is for people to go out and ski because there is alot of ice and snow. the only reason for people to actually go to antartica is to kill seals and get fish whether its on a boat or by hand and by using a boat its causing pollution.

#### Organization and Development of Ideas: 0

The writer does not present an evident thesis but rather provides the statement “there really isnt nothing out there to climb, its to cold.” An organizational structure is not evident as there is a minimal introduction and no conclusion provided. Without a thesis responding to the prompt, the ideas presented are irrelevant to the task. The expression of ideas is often unclear in relation to the prompt (“get fish whether its on a boat or by hand”) Overall, the response reflects a lack of understanding of the writing purpose.

#### Conventions: 0

If a response receives a score point 0 in the Organization and Development of Ideas trait, the response must also earn 0 points in the Conventions trait.

Response 2

Antarctica is in a very unusual circumstance. Many years ago seven countries had led to claim antarctic territory, some territories would overlap and other countries would not recognize the claims made by the other nations. After 10-15 years the mid 1950's, scientists were eager to make a base on antarctica for international research. The scientific project known as the International Geophysical Year, consisted of 67 nations. They worked together to establish coastal bases where they made valuable discoveries about atmosphere, oceanography and other astounding topics. A few years go by and now many countries have joined into this agreement, leading many objectives to be expanded. As more years pass, at around 1991 they decide to make another agreement basically re-instating the original policy and intent of the treaty while adding on top of it. They made sure to add major activities such as mining, drilling, and exploration of minerals as this would take antarcticas natural resources. All these agreements combined to form the Antarctic Treaty. With the addition of 54 new nations signing the agreement new concerns arose. With all these nations now added to the treaty many wanted to open a form of tourism which rose concern. At first tourism only consisted of sailing along the coast or flying over the land, but now cruise ships casually sail to antarctica. In 2018-19 alone more than 56,000 tourists visited. Tourism is operated by tour operators from the various countries but the Antarctc Treaty system continues to survey them. The influx in tourists could be detrimental to Antarctica and the various species that inhabit it. Scientists worry that Tourists could disturb creatures such as penguins and elephant seals. Also ships dumping waste in the ocean can harm marine life, and if a tourist were to become injured they have little to no access to medical assistance. This shows that Antarctica is in a tough spot where they want more nations to sign but the flood of tourists are not good for the environment.

Organization and Development of Ideas: 0

The writer attempts a thesis in the final sentence to the effect that "Antarctica is in a tough spot where they want more nations to sign but the flood of tourists are not good for the environment." While there is a minimal introduction and a conclusion, there is no evidence of any organizing or developmental structure in this response. The writer does not explain why the situation in Antarctica is unusual as all the paraphrased evidence provided summarizes details repeating the same sequence of events as the article. Expression of ideas is at times incoherent ("Tourism is operated by tour operators from the various countries but the Antarctc Treaty system continues to survey them"). Overall, the response reflects a lack of understanding of the writing purpose.

Conventions: 0

If a response receives a score point 0 in the Organization and Development of Ideas trait, the response will also earn 0 points in the Conventions trait.

## Score Point 1

### Response 1

In antartica the sutution that they have is quite unsual but every content helps Antartica after the Antartica trerty got signed. But whats mainly goes on in Antartica is sceitific work meaning like everything that is done on that cotentent is either to help the wildlife save endegered speices or make sure there no invading species moving into the content. Now the way tourism is mangned in Antartica is by tour operators form various different conuntries who bascially guide the tourists too and from the continent but there some area that are blocked off for them

Response 2

What makes a situation in antartica unusule due the tourism that has happened.

Tourism is currentlly managed by tour opperators who watch and take care of the continent. Scientists are worried about the pengiuns being distubed by humans when touring and being ill or injured while exploring, due to t being cold in antartica there will be very little medical facilites.

This helps understand that peace is only to be ment in antartica and nothing else. Scientists have planned to maintain the peacfull and protect the contient.

In conclusion, Tourism has not been much of a success in antartica, its quite unusule to just be there. Unless you are a perfessinal scientist.

Organization and Development of Ideas: 1

The writer offers a weak thesis in the conclusion that it's quite unusual "to just be there. Unless you are a perfessinal scientist," but this idea is not developed effectively. An introduction and a conclusion are present, but the progression of ideas is not logical as the writer quickly shifts from tourism to scientists and the lack of medical facilities to a perfunctory transition ("In conclusion"). Little text-based evidence is presented ("Scientists . . . protect the contient"). The explanation ("worried about the pengiuns being distubed by humans") and extraneous information ("being ill or injured," "little medical facilites") do not support the thesis, weakening the clarity of the message. Overall, the response reflects a limited understanding of the writing purpose.

Conventions: 0

The writing demonstrates little to no command of grade-level-appropriate conventions. The response contains many errors. The final sentence is a fragment ("Unless you are a perfessinal scientist"). There are capitalization errors present ("antartica," "Tourism" should not be capitalized in the conclusion). Grammatical ("unusule due the," "only to be ment in antartica," "maintain the peacfull") and spelling errors ("antartica," "unusule," "currentlly," "opperators," "pengiuns," "distubed," "facilites," "ment," "peacfull," "contient," "conclusion," "perfessinal") are present. The variety and frequency of these errors impact the clarity of the writing and the reader's understanding of the writing.

## Score Point 2

### Response 1

A place so quiet and so cold yet home to millions. Antarctica is natural born habitat to many different species that are not found in any other parts of the world. What makes Antarctica so unusual is that its kept peace between all the other parts of the world.

Antarctica is a place that was untouched by humans for centuries and now that its discovered, scientist from all over the world use it for discovery of other parts of the world. Overtime there have been a numberues amount of treaties between countries, but i find this one extrodinary. This is because they have yet to come across a disagreement

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Score Point 3

Response 1



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Response 3

In the article "Governing the Icy Continent" the situation presented is curiously



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Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

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Characters

LINA: A girl in her late teens

JOELLE:





## English II Reading Short Constructed Response

Prompt

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Score: 0

No Credit

- x The response is incorrect.
- x The response is not based on the text.
- x No response is provided.

## Sample Student Responses

### Score Point 0

#### Response 1

shes nervous to play in front of everyone.

The writer does not provide an accurate answer. Lina is not characterized as being “nervous to play in front of everyone.” Instead, Lina is characterized as uncomfortable sharing songs that she believes are not ready. No theme is stated or implied in the answer. The answer is too vague to be considered correct. In addition, the writer does not provide any evidence from the play, either by direct quotation or p





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Score Point 2

Response 1

Response 4

The playwright's characterization of Lina contributes to the play to show resentfulness and forgiveness. Lina feels as if Joelle had showed her songs to her friends at the campfire on purpose even though she asked her not to do that. Having felt embarrassed, Lina decides not to talk to Joelle for some time. She even goes as far as to decline all of her calls. Eventually she decides to forgive Joelle when she tells her that she won't show her songs to anyone again. This shows how she felt resentment at first and then forgiveness at the end of the passage.

The writer does include an accurate answer that "The playwright's characterization of Lina contributes to the play to show resentfulness and forgiveness . . . she felt resentment at first and then forgiveness at the end of the passage." The ideas of initial resentment and final forgiveness establish a theme of the importance of clear communication between friends. The writer does provide evidence from the passage in the form of paraphrasing the conflict (resentment) and eventual resolution.

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# English II Writing Short Constructed Response

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### Passage: "Finding Their Way"

Original Paragraph:

(19) With a desperate tone, Amir explained that he didn't know how to locate the house without it, his phone that had been left at his grandfather's place.

### Prompt

Sentence 19 needs to be revised. In the space provided, rewrite sentence 19 in a clear and effective way.

### Item-Specific Rubric

Score: 1

The response is a complete sentence that expresses the ideas in a clear and effective way.

Score: 0

The response is not a complete sentence or does not express the ideas in a clear and effective way.

## Sample Student Responses

### Score Point 0

Score Point 1

Response 1

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Amir desprerately explained that he didnt know how to locate the house without the phone that he left at this grandfather's place.