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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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RATING GUIDE

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The following procedures are to be used for rating papers in the Regents Examination in English Language Arts. More detailed directions for the organization of the rating process and procedures for rating the examination are included in the *Directions for Scoring Regents Examinations*.

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Mechanics of Rating

Scoring the Multiple-Choice Questions

For this exam all schools must use uniform scannable answer sheets provided by the regional scanning center or large-city scanning center. **If the student's responses for the multiple-choice questions are being hand scored prior to being scanned, the scorer must be careful not to make any marks on the answer sheet except to record the scores in the designated score boxes. Marks elsewhere on the answer sheet will interfere with the accuracy of the scanning.**

Before scannable answer sheets are machine scored, several samples must be both machine and manually scored to ensure the accuracy of the machine-scoring process. All discrepancies must be resolved before student answer sheets are machine scored. When machine scoring is completed, a sample of the scored answer sheets must be scored manually to verify the accuracy of the machine-scoring process.

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Rating of Essay and Response Questions

- (1) In training raters to score student essays and responses for each part of the examination, follow the procedures outlined below:

Introduction to the Tasks

- Raters read the task and summarize it.
- Raters read the passages or passage and plan a response to the task.
- Raters share response plans and summarize expectations for student responses.

Introduction to the Rubric and Anchor Papers

- Trainer reviews rubric with reference to the task.
- Trainer reviews procedures for assigning holistic scores (i.e., by matching evidence from the response to the language of the rubric and by weighing all qualities equally).
- Trainer leads review of each anchor paper and commentary. (*Note:* anchor papers are ordered from high to low within each score level.)

Practice Scoring Individually

- Raters score a set of five practice papers individually. Raters should score the five papers independently without looking at the scores provided after the five papers.
- Trainer records scores and leads discussion until raters feel comfortable enough to move on to actual scoring. (Practice papers for Parts 2 and 3 contain score and commentary.)

- (2) When actual rating begins, each rater should record his or her individual rating for a student's essay and response on the rating sheets provided in the *Directions for Scoring Regents Examinations*, not directly on the student's essay or response or answer sheet. Do *not* correct the student's work by making insertions or changes of any kind.
- (3) Both the 6-credit essay and the 4-credit response must be rated by at least two raters; a third rater will be necessary to resolve scores that differ by more than one point. **Teachers may *not* score their own students' answer papers.** The scoring coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the movement of papers, calculating a final score for each student's essay or response, and recording that information on the student's answer paper.

Schools are not permitted to rescore any of the open-ended questions on any Regents Exam after each question has been rated the required number of times as specified in the rating guide, regardless of the final exam score. Schools are required to ensure that the raw scores have been added correctly and that the resulting scale score has been determined accurately.

New York State Regents Examination in English Language Arts
Part 2 Rubric
Writing From Sources: Argument

Criteria	6 Essays exhibit	5 Essays exhibit	4 Essays exhibit	3 Essays exhibit	2 Essays exhibit	1 Essays exhibit
Content and Analysis: the extent to which the essay conveys complex ideas by: - introducing a claim - analyzing the sources and topic - distinguishing the claim from alternate or opposing claims	- sophisticated claim - insightful source and topic analysis - insightful evaluation of a counterclaim	- thorough claim - thorough source and topic analysis - thorough evaluation of a counterclaim	- specific claim - appropriate source and topic analysis - appropriate evaluation of a counterclaim	- surface-level claim - emerging source and topic analysis - insufficient evaluation of a counterclaim	- limited claim - unclear or confused source and topic analysis - confused or no counterclaim	- unrelated or no claim - no source and/or topic analysis
Command of Evidence: the extent to which the essay supports analysis by: - incorporating relevant evidence from sources - avoiding plagiarism when citing the texts	- sophisticated support using a wide range of strategically chosen, relevant evidence - consistent avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation format(s)	- thorough and accurate support using effective and relevant evidence - consistent avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation format(s)	- sufficient and adequate support using relevant evidence - consistent avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation format(s)	- basic support using relevant and/or generalized evidence - partial avoidance of plagiarism with emerging citation format(s)	- insufficient support using limited, inaccurate, or irrelevant evidence - insufficient avoidance of plagiarism	- provides no evidence - no use of citations
Coherence, Organization, and Style: the extent to which the essay addresses the claim as a cohesive, unified whole by: - maintaining focus on task - organizing ideas - optimizing language style	- strategic focus on task - strategic organization of ideas - sophisticated language and sentence structure	- clear and appropriate focus on task - thoughtful organization of ideas - precise language and sentence structure	- acceptable focus on task - logical organization of ideas - appropriate language and sentence structure	- emerging focus on task - emerging organization of ideas - basic language and sentence structure	- lack appropriate focus on task, but suggest organization of ideas - suggest a focus on task, but lack organization of ideas - imprecise language	- little to no focus on task - little to no organization of ideas - incoherent language - minimal writing, making assessment unreliable
Control of Conventions: the extent to which the response establishes a framework for clear communication by: - displaying control of 9–12 band grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling - maintaining control relative to language characteristics	- exceptional control - virtually no errors when using sophisticated language	- considerable control - errors that do not hinder comprehension, even when using sophisticated language	- partial control - errors that do not hinder comprehension	- emerging control - errors that hinder comprehension	- lack of control - errors that make comprehension difficult	- significant lack of control - errors that severely interfere with comprehension - minimal writing, making assessment unreliable
- An essay that uses information from fewer than 3 sources can be scored no higher than a 3. - An essay that is entirely unrelated to the topic and/or makes no reference to the sources or task can be scored no higher than a 1. - An essay that is predominantly a verbatim copy from the task or sources with negligible student writing must be scored a 0. - An essay that is indecipherable, entirely incoherent, unrecognizable as English, or blank must be scored a 0.						

Horse racing is a well known tradition in the United States, from events on the national stage like the Kentucky Derby to simple horse racing simulations at amusement parks. While a keystone of American culture, especially in wealthier areas, the practice of horse racing must be banned due to its potential for detrimental injury to both horses and jockeys as well as the excessive exploitation of horse drugging to enhance the chances of winning.

Horse racing poses major risks for all involved. As explained by Miles Henry in Source one, horses are prone to "musculoskeletal injuries" such as "sprains, strains, and fractures" while in training or while racing (Source 1, lines 29-30). Moreover, these injuries can become far more severe, as Henry further explains that "racehorses may also be involved in accidents on the track, which can lead to severe injuries or even fatalities" (Source 1, lines 31-32). Furthermore, Rachel Fobar from National Geographic underscores the situation in writing that "while a broken leg is easily treatable for humans, it's often a death sentence for horses" (Source 2, line 34). Former California Racing Board medical director Richard Arthur corroborates the seriousness of such injuries when he asserts that "if a horse can't stand up on all four legs on its own, it won't survive and will be euthanized" (Source 2, lines 41-42). While horse injuries may seem unimportant to some, the occurrence of certain death for some horses contributes to and only emphasizes further the need for banning horse racing. As Henry's and Fobar's comments prove, the risks of injuries

for horses is severe. This can lead to even worse scenarios where a horse is deemed useless and simply abandoned to "uncertain futures" (Source 1, line 44). It is difficult to imagine that with all the intense physical training and hours that a horse endures to prepare for racing, as well as the stress of racing itself, that its well-being will not be in jeopardy and it may not fall victim to injury.

Jockeys, the people who ride racehorses, are prone to injury as well. In a study conducted by Kelly Ryan, et al. in 2020, researchers found that 79% of jockey-related incidents in horse racing resulted in injury (Source 3, Table A), showing that jockeys face incredibly high chances of injury while horse racing. This percentage is easy to understand when it is realized that these jockeys are riding upon large animals galloping at around 64 km/h, from which they can easily fall off or be thrown from. Results from the aforementioned study verify this by citing that "a single misstep or slight error may result in the jockey being thrown from the horse potentially resulting in catastrophic injury or death" (Source 3, lines 4-5). Being that horse racing also puts human life in danger, there is all the more reason to ban the sport of horse racing.

Along with injuries, the use of performance-enhancing drugs in horses poses another risk to a horse's health. Fobar explains that "the drug furosemide, popularly known under the brand name Lasix, is a 'performance-enhancing drug cloaked as a therapeutic medication,' according to a March 2019 report by the Jockey Club" (Source 2, lines 47-49).

As also stated in Source 2, "such drugs allow horses to run faster and power through the pain" (line 47) and that "while it's prescribed to treat bleeding in the lungs, the medication also causes urination and, consequently, weight loss" (lines 48-49). These facts serve to reinforce the need to ban horse racing. When speed and victory are prioritized over camouflaging pain, bleeding lungs and dangerous weight loss, something is dreadfully wrong. This practice of "drug" racing has been proven to be both deceitful and unethical. It is deceitful in the fact that it is used under the guise of a therapeutic prescription while, in reality, its major usage is geared more towards "the win." It is unethical as victory and profit are valued more than wellbeing and life itself. Miles Henry's acknowledgement that "the long term effects of these drugs on race horses can be devastating, leading to chronic health issues, organ damage, and shortened life spans" (Source 1, lines 38-39) validates this, proving that the maleffects of these drugs far outweigh their performance-enhancing qualities.

Some argue that horse racing "with its centuries-old legacy, not only thrills spectators and enthusiasts but also emerges as a significant economic catalyst for local communities" (Source 4, lines 1-2). While, admittedly, it may prove a source of entertainment to some and may boost the local economy as various venues see more customers and it may even create more racing-related jobs. However, at what cost? Is personal pleasure and financial gain more

important than the humane treatment of animals and the safety of human beings? The former choice seems more selfish than concerned or caring which is yet another reason for banning this sport.

It is clear that, based upon the arguments presented, the practice of horse racing must be banned to keep both horses and jockeys healthy and alive, while simulated horse racing games such as those found at amusement parks can be preserved because they pose no physical risks, real-world horse racing must be abolished regardless of tradition.

Anchor Level 6–A

Holistically, the essay meets the criteria for a Level 6.

Note: This essay’s insightful evaluation of horse racing from perspectives of risks and ethics is accomplished through strategically chosen, cross-source evidence, and is explained through consistently sophisticated language.

Content and Analysis	Essay exhibits: • sophisticated claim: <i>While a keystone of American culture, especially in wealthier areas, the practice of horse racing must be banned due to its potential for detrimental injury to both horses and jockeys as well as the excessive exploitation of horse drugging to enhance the chances of winning</i> • insightful source and topic analysis: <i>It is difficult to imagine that with all the intense physical training and hours that a horse endures to prepare for racing, as well as the stress of racing itself, that its well being will not be in jeopardy and it may not fall victim to injury / This percentage is easy to understand when it is realized that these jockeys are riding upon large animals galloping at around 64 km/h from which they can easily fall off or be thrown from</i> • insightful evaluation of counterclaim: <i>While, admittedly, it [horse racing] may prove a source of entertainment to some and may boost the local economy as various venues see more customers and it may even create more racing-related jobs. However, at what cost? Is personal pleasure and financial gain more important than the humane treatment of animals and the safety of human beings? The former choice seems more selfish than concerned or caring</i>
Command of Evidence	Essay exhibits: • sophisticated support using a wide range of strategically chosen, relevant evidence: <i>Henry further explains that “racehorses may also be involved in accidents on the track, which can lead to severe injuries or even fatalities” / In a study ... researchers found that 79% of jockey related incidents in horse racing resulted in injury / Some argue that horse racing “with its centuries-old legacy, not only thrills spectators and enthusiasts but also emerges as a significant economic catalyst for local communities”</i> • consistent avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation formats: <i>Henry further explains ... (Source 1, lines 31–32) / In a study conducted by Kelly Ryan ... (Source 3, Table A) / Some argue that horse racing “with its centuries-old legacy ... for local communities” (Source 4, lines 1–2)</i>

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Anchor Level 6–A (cont.)

Coherence, Organization, and Style	Essay exhibits: • strategic focus on task: An argument that builds from the concrete realities of risks to both horse and jockey in horse racing to the more abstract negative qualities of deceitful and unethical behavior it encourages • strategic organization of ideas: The essay opens with an introduction to the topic and a positive claim and continues on with three supportive paragraphs that focus, respectively, on the physical risks that race horses face, on how jockeys <i>are prone to injury as well</i>, and the further risks horses face as a result of being subjected to <i>performance-enhancing drugs</i>. A fourth paragraph addresses the counterclaims of the entertainment value and economic benefits of horse racing, refuting these as putting <i>personal pleasure and financial gain</i> above <i>humane treatment and safety</i>. The essay closes with a paragraph that reiterates the claim • sophisticated language and sentence structure: <i>Richard Arthur corroborates the seriousness of such injuries when he asserts / When speed and victory are prioritized over camouflaging pain, bleeding lungs and dangerous weight loss, something is dreadfully wrong / The former choice seems more selfish than concerned or caring which is yet another reason for banning this sport</i>
Control of Conventions	Essay exhibits: • exceptional control: throughout • virtually no errors when using sophisticated language

For thousands of years, humans and animals have worked together for many different reasons. Whether it be in farming, hunting, or even just as a friend, animals have proven to be a vital part of human civilization. Horse Racing is one such instance, where humans and animals ~~came together~~ work together to provide ~~us~~ entertainment to others. ~~However, the greatest source of~~ ~~these~~ ~~can be~~ ~~the~~ ~~possible~~ However, moral questions have been raised about Horse racing, and the decision of if it should be banned or not has been debated by many people. Horse Racing should not be banned because it benefits horses' overall wellbeing, ensures that horses receive the best care, and boosts the economy anywhere it takes place.

Horse racing is good for the ~~the~~ horses' physical and mental wellbeing. According to the article, "Is Horse Racing Good or Bad for Horses?", "Through regular training sessions, horses maintain their fitness levels, build muscle strength, and improve their overall health" (Source 1, lines 5-8). By ~~add~~ following a routine of rigorous exercise, horses are able to reach optimal levels of health. This would normally be difficult for horses to achieve in the wild, but human knowledge and intervention ~~have~~ allows many race horses to achieve this level of physical health much easier. Without ~~horse~~ horse racing, ~~there~~ there would not be as many opportunities for horses to reach ^{such} ~~high~~ levels of ~~the~~ fitness and strength. Furthermore, horse racing helps keep horses happy. According to the same article, "... healthy competition can lead to the development of strong bonds between the horses and their trainers or jockeys, which ~~is~~ can be rewarding for both the horses and their

human counterparts" (Source 1, lines 11-13). Humans and horses are social animals. ~~By working~~ Through consistent interaction, humans and horses can develop a friendly relationship and fulfill ~~each~~ each others social needs. They are able to keep each other ~~happy~~ content.

Horse racing makes sure horses receive the best care possible. According to the article, "Why Horse Racing is So Dangerous", "... bipartisan U.S. lawmakers introduced the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act to create a uniform national standard for drug testing race horses" (Source 2, lines 21-22).

~~These are the government has ensured that the horses will be protected~~ This standard will ensure that horses are protected against any harmful performative drugs. It will help reduce the amount of horses harmed by drugs.

Horse racing is also good for the economy. According to the article, "The Impact of Horse Racing on Local Economies: A Galloping Force of Prosperity", "Race-tracks became hubs of employment, providing livelihoods for individuals with diverse skill sets, from equine experts to marketing officials" (Source 4, lines 23-25). Horse racing takes many people to run. From training the horses, to caring for them, and to organizing the race itself, there is no end to jobs that people can fill. These jobs can help build the economy as more money ~~it~~ will be flowing. ~~Also~~ According to the same article, horse racing attracts tourists. By increasing the amount of people spending money, ~~the horse racing industry~~ ~~helps to~~ build the economy can grow even ~~for~~ further.

~~the possibility to~~

Now, some may argue that ~~these~~ horses ~~might~~ may not like horse racing, however that is false. According to the, "Is Horse Racing Good or Bad for Horses?", We cannot and should not assume that horses don't like racing. After all in the wild, you ~~or~~ will see a horse running, jumping, and prancing" (Source 1, lines 52-53).

Horse racing is not too different from ~~trapped in a box~~ ~~what~~ what horses naturally do in the wild. Can ~~we~~ one really say that an animal is unhappy following its instincts and natural inclinations. It would make no sense to ban ~~these~~ horse racing for that reason.

~~The idea of banning horse racing has been contemplated for a long time, but that, but~~

Horse racing provides to many benefits ~~that~~ and ~~there~~ it is not worth it to ban it. It helps horses maintain their health and that they receive the best care. It ~~ensures~~ provides jobs to those who need it and grows the economy by attracting ~~new~~ tourists to come and watch. Now some may say it should be banned because it ~~is~~ goes against the horses may not like racing, but ~~no~~ there is no clear evidence of such an idea being true. Horse racing is a clearly beneficial as an industry to ~~at~~ both people and horses, so it should not be ~~being~~ banned.

Anchor Level 6–B

Holistically, the essay meets the criteria for a Level 6.

Note: This Level 6 paper provides holistically insightful discussion within the realm of human-animal relationships, despite experiencing a decline from strategic and sophisticated qualities to thorough qualities as it progresses.

Content and Analysis	Essay exhibits: • sophisticated claim: <i>Horse Racing should not be banned because it benefits horses' overall wellbeing, ensures that horses receive the best care, and boosts the economy anywhere it takes place</i> • insightful source and topic analysis: <i>By following a routine of rigorous exercise, horses are able to reach optimal levels of health / Humans and horses are social animals. Through consistent interaction, humans and horses can develop a friendly relationship and fulfill each others social needs</i> • insightful evaluation of counterclaim: <i>Now, some may argue that horses may not like horse racing, however that is false and Horse racing is not too different from what horses naturally do in the wild. Can one really say that an animal is unhappy following its instincts and natural inclinations</i>
Command of Evidence	Essay exhibits: • sophisticated support using a wide range of strategically chosen, relevant evidence: <i>"Through regular training sessions, horses maintain their fitness levels, build muscle strength, and improve their overall health" / "Racetracks become hubs of employment, providing livelihoods for individuals with diverse skill sets, from equine experts to marketing officials" / "We cannot and should not assume that horses don't like racing ... in the wild, you will see a horse running, jumping, and prancing"</i> • consistent avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation formats: <i>According to the same article, "... healthy competition ... human counterparts" (Source 1, lines 11–13) / According to the article, "Why Horse Racing is So Dangerous" ... (Source 2, lines 21–22)</i>
Coherence, Organization, and Style	Essay exhibits: • strategic focus on task: throughout • strategic organization of ideas: With an opening paragraph that introduces the issue and a negative claim, followed by three paragraphs of support that focus on the horses' physical and mental wellbeing, how the horses receive the best care possible, and how horse racing is good for the economy. A fifth paragraph addresses a counterclaim that focuses on whether or not horses like horse racing and is followed by a conclusion that reiterates the claim and summarizes the arguments presented • sophisticated language and sentence structure: <i>Whether it be in farming, hunting, or even just as a friend, animals have proven to be a vital part of human civilization / From training the horses, to caring for them, and to organizing the race itself, there is no end to jobs that people can fill</i>
Control of Conventions	Essay exhibits: • considerable control: throughout • errors that do not hinder comprehension, even when using sophisticated language: <i>instance, where / receive / exercise / knowledge and intervention allows / others ... needs / racing, however that / Can one ... inclinations. / jobs ... it</i>

Part 2 – Anchor Paper – Level 5 – A

Horse racing is an integral aspect of many cultures and communities across the world. As a form of entertainment, many individuals often overlook or fail to consider the consequences behind this sport. The equine industry has been prevalent for decades, yet people are beginning to grasp ~~the~~ the ethics related to horse racing, thus sparking controversy. While horse racing bears economic importance, ~~it also~~ the injuries to both horses and humans ~~that accompany the sport strongly~~ support the idea that the sport should be banned.

Horse racing should be banned for its detrimental effect on the longevity of horses. Similar to ~~any~~ other sports, injuries inevitably accompany horse racing. Particularly, over 7,200 horses were either killed or euthanized as a result of "racing-related ~~injury~~ illnesses and injuries" from 2009 to 2021, according to The Jockey Club (Source 2).^{lines 9-10} Unlike traditional high-intensity sports, the injuries and illnesses associated with horseracing is often fatal. Such casualties could be avoidable if horse racing were less prevalent or banned all together. ~~The~~ ^{The} amount of injuries and deaths ultimately prove ~~the~~ not only the dangers of the sport but also the unethical and demanding practices of the industry. Therefore, horse racing should be banned for the extreme amount of injuries that accompany it.

Moreover, horse racing should be banned for other reasons associated with ~~the~~ the health of horses, namely the utilization of various drugs. While drugs provide temporary benefits to the horses' performance, the widespread use of doping and other unethical substances lead to long term health risks, including organ failure, thus leading to a decrease in their longevity (Source 1).^{lines 35-41} The use of such substances enhances the speed and endurance of horses, which is beneficial in terms of entertainment but detrimental and unethical. The use of drug in horse racing undoubtedly leads to severe long-term issues, which means that the horse will have shorter

Part 2 – Anchor Paper – Level 5 – A

life spans or be euthanized. By banning the sport, the health risks and concerns over animal cruelty can be eliminated all together.

The horse racing industry does not only harm the horse, but also the jockeys as well. According to the Maryland Jockey Club, based on a study of 670 Jockeys, 146 were injured, many of which were thrown by horses (source 8). Horse racing is a dangerous sport for humans, considering the element of uncertainty that comes with playing a sport with an animal. Given how many of the injuries were related to being thrown off a horse, the human casualties that occur from horse racing are often catastrophic, perhaps even leading to death. If horse racing were banned, such injuries could be avoided, protecting both the Jockeys and the horses.

Some contend that horse racing is beneficial for its contributions towards local economies. Particularly, the horse racing industry is able to create new jobs, from event organizers to jockeys (source 4, lines 22-23). While the creation of ~~jobs~~^{jobs} may benefit communities, it does not have a positive consequence ~~off~~ on the horse involved. Thus, the claim that horse racing should not be banned is flawed, as it ignorantly sides with only those that benefit economically from the sport.

Overall, horse racing is a controversial sport. ~~that~~ because of the ~~my~~ injuries and other health risks associated with the sport that harms both humans and horses, such events should be banned.

Anchor Level 5–A

Holistically, the essay meets the criteria for a Level 5.

Note: This paper is holistically a Level 5, despite achieving some insightful analysis of the topic and counterclaim.

Content and Analysis	Essay exhibits: • thorough claim: <i>While horse racing bears economic importance, the injuries to both horse and humans support the idea that the sport should be banned</i> • insightful source and topic analysis: <i>The amount of injuries and deaths ultimately prove not only the dangers of the sport but also the unethical and demanding practices of the industry / Horse racing is a dangerous sport for humans, considering the element of uncertainty that comes with playing a sport with an animal. Given how many of the injuries were related to being thrown off a horse, the human casualties that occur from horse racing are often catastrophic, perhaps even leading to death</i> • insightful evaluation of a counterclaim: <i>While the creation of jobs may benefit communities, it does not have a positive consequence on the horse involved. Thus, the claim that horse racing should not be banned is flawed, as it ignorantly sides with only those that benefit economically from the sport</i>
Command of Evidence	Essay exhibits: • thorough and accurate support using effective and relevant evidence: <i>Particularly, over 7,200 horses were either killed or euthanized as a result of “racing-related illnesses and injuries” from 2009 to 2021, according to The Jockey Club / According to the Maryland Jockey Club, based on a study of 670 Jockeys, 146 were injured, many of which were thrown by horses</i> • consistent avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation format: <i>according to The Jockey Club (Source 2) lines 9–10 / While drug provide temporary benefits ... leading to a decrease in their longevity (Source 1) lines 35–41</i>
Coherence, Organization, and Style	Essay exhibits: • clear and appropriate focus on task: throughout • thoughtful organization of ideas: The opening paragraph introduces the topic and states a claim that horse racing should be banned, followed by three supportive paragraphs that focus on the <i>detrimental effect</i> of horse racing <i>on the longevity of horses, the widespread use of doping</i> and the harmful effects to the jockeys. It then presents and refutes a counterclaim and ends with a summative conclusion • sophisticated language and sentence structure: <i>Horse racing is an integral aspect of many cultures and communities across the world / Moreover, horse racing should be banned for other reasons associated with the health of horse, namely the utilization of various drugs / The use of such substances enhances the speed and endurance of horses, which is beneficial ... but detrimental and unethical</i>
Control of Conventions	Essay exhibits: • considerable control: throughout • errors that do not hinder comprehension, even when using sophisticated language: <i>illnesses ... is / not only ... the sport but / use ... lead to / use of drug ... leads ... issue / the horse ... life spans / Jockeys ... many of which / for it contributions/ flawed / injuries ... that harms</i>

Horses were brought to America from Europe during the Columbian Exchange, and have now become a popular sport for people across the country to watch and enjoy. While some argue that ~~there are benefits to horse racing~~, horses enjoy racing, horse racing should be banned because of the significant injury risks to horses and riders, and because of trainers' irresponsibility with horses just to win the race.

Some people believe that horses truly enjoy racing. Miles Henry writes in an article titled "Is Horse Racing Good or Bad for Horses?" that "We cannot and should not assume that horses don't like racing. After all, in the wild, you will see a horse running, jumping, and prancing" (Source 1, lines 52-53). Horses naturally want to live an active lifestyle. While some say that horse racing provides this lifestyle for the horses, the injury risks to horses and their riders are so significant that that active lifestyle will be short-lived on the racetrack. Rachel Fobar writes in an article titled "Why Horse Racing Is So Dangerous" that "While a broken leg is easily treatable for humans, it's often a death sentence for horses" (Source 2, line 34). Fobar also writes that "From 2009 to 2021, more than 7,200 horses died or were euthanized nationwide* because of racing-related illness ~~and~~ and injuries" (Source 2, lines 9-10). Fobar highlights that horse injuries due to horse racing cannot be overlooked when evaluating the pastime. Horses, without being able to stand on their four legs comfortably are unable to live naturally and often get euthanized. The active lifestyle that horses naturally enjoy is destroyed after an injury. ~~Horses are not the only people involved at the~~ In addition, according to an article titled "Injuries Among Maryland Jockeys During Thoroughbred Racing: 2015-2019," 79.3% of incidents for the Thoroughbred Jockeys resulted in injury (Source 3, graphic/table A). This shows that horses are not the only ones at risk of being injured — the athletes that ride the horses are always in danger too. Of those incidents resulting in injuries, 16.4% of them resulted in horse breakdown (Source 3, Table B). This type of injury is life-threatening to a horse because it means it can no longer support its own body weight. ~~But~~ This relates to what Fobar writes because if horses cannot

Part 2 – Anchor Paper – Level 5 – B

support themselves, they are unable to live ~~and~~ an active lifestyle and will likely be euthanized. Overall ^{the risk of} injuries to either the Jockey or horse ~~are~~ ^{is} not worth taking, so horse racing should be banned.

Trainers have also been found to be irresponsible with horses, ~~as~~ specifically with drug use. Rachel Fobar writes that trainers use performance-enhancing substances and painkillers to "allow horses to run faster and power through the pain" (Source 2, line 47). The use of drugs in this way is extremely dangerous to horses because it does not allow them to heal properly because they no longer feel the injury. As a result, this could risk injuring the horse even further. These drugs can be devastating on a horse's body. Miles Henny writes that this drug use can lead to "chronic health issues, organ damage, and shortened lifespans" (Source 1, lines 38-39). This directly proves that drugs ~~are~~ should not be used on horses, because it will only add to the ^{already} high mortality rate caused by racetrack injuries. Overall, the drug use in horse racing is unacceptable and shows that horse racing should be banned.

The popular American pastime of horse racing has brought joy to many and led people to believe that the sport is simply supporting the horses' natural active lifestyle, but the high risk of injuries to Jockeys and horses as well as drug use on horses show that the sport is too dangerous and unethical to continue. Horse racing must be banned.

Anchor Level 5–B

Holistically, the essay meets the criteria for a Level 5.

Note: This response meets all rubric criteria for a Level 5.

Content and Analysis	Essay exhibits: • thorough claim: <i>While some argue that horses enjoy racing, horse racing should be banned because of the significant injury risks to horses and riders, and because of trainers irresponsibility with horses just to win the race</i> • thorough source and topic analysis: <i>This type of injury is life-threatening to a horse because it means it can no longer support its own body weight. This relates to what Fobar writes because if horses cannot support themselves, they are unable to live an active lifestyle and will likely be euthanized / The use of drugs in this way is extremely dangerous to horses because it does not allow them to heal properly because they no longer feel the injury</i> • thorough evaluation of a counterclaim: <i>Horses naturally want to live an active lifestyle. While some say that horse racing provides this lifestyle for the horses, the injury risks to horses and their riders are so significant that that active lifestyle will be short-lived on the racetrack</i>
Command of Evidence	Essay exhibits: • thorough and accurate support using effective and relevant evidence: <i>Miles Henry writes ... that “We cannot and should not assume that horses don’t like racing. After all, in the wild, you will see a horse running, jumping, and prancing” / In addition ... 79.3% of incidents for the Thoroughbred Jockeys resulted in injury ... Of those incidents resulting in injuries, 16.4% of them resulted in horse breakdown</i> • consistent avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation format: <i>Miles Henry writes ... (Source 1, lines 52–53) / according to an article ... (Source 3, graphic/table A)</i>
Coherence, Organization, and Style	Essay exhibits: • clear and appropriate focus on task: throughout • thoughtful organization of ideas: With an opening paragraph that introduces the issue and a positive claim that presents the arguments to be discussed in regard to risks to the horse and rider as well as the irresponsibility of trainers. This is followed by a paragraph that addresses the risks involved by refuting a counterclaim that <i>some people believe that horses truly enjoy racing</i>, extending the argument further (<i>horses are not the only ones at risk ... the athletes that ride the horses are ... too</i>). A third paragraph focuses on the trainers’ irresponsibility in regard to the use of <i>performance-enhancing substances and painkillers</i> and is followed by a concluding paragraph of summation • precise language and sentence structure: <i>Fobar highlights that horse injuries due to horse racing cannot be overlooked when evaluating the pastime / This directly proves that drugs should not be used on horses, because it will only add to the already high morality rate caused by racetrack injuries</i>
Control of Conventions	Essay exhibits: • considerable control: throughout • errors that do not hinder comprehension, even when using sophisticated language: <i>sport from people / trainers irresponsibility / comfortably are / after and injury / Thoroughbred / 2015–2019.” 79.3% / devastating on / the high risk ... as well as drug use</i>

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Have you ever watched or bet on a horse race? If so, then you know how fun and entertaining it can be to sit and watch on a horse race. Horse racing is an extremely popular sport throughout the world drawing the attention of many people. Not all of these people believe it is fun to watch though because they may fear for the horse's health, however horse racing is actually beneficial to the horse by providing it with a competitive environment but also putting it in peak physical conditions helping its overall health. Horse racing also benefits your economy by providing job opportunities and bringing in tourists and wealth.

Firstly, the training required for the horse to compete in the races benefits the animal's overall health. Horse racing provides the horse with "physical exercise and mental stimulation" (Henry) which can improve health in the horse and keeps them interacting with people and engaged. Similar to humans, horses also need physical stimulation and social life in order to stay not only physically healthy but also mentally healthy. Many people argue that the horses are forced to race which is true to a certain extent but those people fail to realize that the horses actually enjoy the interaction with humans and competition. The horses get treated well in order to stay in peak condition and "they love the physical touch, strokes, and grooming" (Henry). Horses have to compete in nature in order to get a mate so horses are naturally competitive with each other and this competition is shown in the horse races.

Secondly, horse racing doesn't only benefit the horses but benefits the people and communities who watch and support. Horse racing provides people with entertainment which brings in tons of wealth, tourism and gastronomies. Famous horse races attract people from all over the world and help "local hospitality industries" (the impact of horse racing on economy) as well as provide wealth to the community and venue so that the horses can receive even more benefits to keep them healthy. Horse racing has been around for so long now that it has become a

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tradition in many homes and families. This tradition can boost people's spirit and bring families as well as communities together. The Horse racing in many places has "become more than just sporting occasions" (Impact of Horse Racing on local economy). Finally, you have to take into consideration the countless jobs and job opportunities in the horse racing environment. Whether it's a trainer or a commentator or even a racer, these sport like others give people a map and career to succeed and pursue their dreams.

Although the sport is great and has so many benefits, people still believe and look at the downside. Some of these downsides include abusive training and injuries as well as drug controversies. Some trainers may over work their horses leading to injury or even death and abuse has been noted in the training of horses. However, this is not the majority, you can't destroy a whole sport just because one or two people do bad things. Injuries such as broken legs in horses is almost like a "death sentence" (Folber) since the animals are so active but just like in sports for humans, injuries happen and it is unfortunate but it's the truth. Finally, some trainers have been caught "Drugging Horses" (Folber) which can negatively impact their health and make the game unfair. Similarly to human sports so rules should be put in to stop this. Overall, people need to compare the good and bads in the sport because like everything else in the world there can be some pros. These pros should not take away the opportunities and fun for the horses and people who participate.

To wrap everything up, there are many controversies involved in the Horse racing environment. Although some negatives exist, there are an abundance of positives that are brought to the horses, people and economies involved with the sport. Whether it's from the health of the horse or the opportunities given, horse racing should be kept alive around the world. Everything has negatives but you have to look at the positives as well and see how taking it away will impact the overall environment.

Anchor Level 5–C

Holistically, the essay meets the criteria for a Level 5.

Note: This essay is holistically a 5, despite how the handwriting could initially interfere with a rater’s assessment of coherence, organization, and style.

Content and Analysis	Essay exhibits: • thorough claim: <i>horse racing is actually beneficial to the horse by providing it with a competitive environment but also putting it in peak physical conditions helping its overall health. Horse racing also benefits your economy by providing job opportunities and bringing in tourists and wealth</i> • thorough source and topic analysis: <i>Horses have to compete in nature in order to get a mate so horses are naturally competitive with each other and this competition is shown in the horse races / you have to take into consideration the countless jobs and job opportunities in the horse racing environment. Whether it’s a trainer or a commentator or even a rider, the sport like others give people a hobby and career to succeed and pursue their dreams</i> • thorough evaluation of a counterclaim: <i>Many people argue that the horses are forced to race which is true to a certain extent but those people fail to realize that the horses actually enjoy the interaction with humans and competition / Although the sport is great and has so many benefits, people still believe and look at the downsides</i>
Command of Evidence	Essay exhibits: • thorough and accurate support using effective and relevant evidence: <i>Horse racing provides the horse with “physical exercise and mental stimulation” / The horses get treated well ... and “They love the physical touch, strokes, and grooming”</i> • partial avoidance of plagiarism with emerging citation format(s): <i>“physical exercise and mental stimulation” (Henry) / ... and help “local hospitality industries” (The Impact of Horse racing on Economys), neglecting to include line numbers for the quoted material</i>
Coherence, Organization, and Style	Essay exhibits: • clear and appropriate focus on task: throughout • thoughtful organization of ideas: The essay exhibits logical organization of ideas and information to create a clear argument against banning horse racing, with an opening paragraph that introduces both sides of the argument and leads to a positive claim, followed by two paragraphs that explain the positive aspects of horse racing as related to benefits to both the horse and the economy, and a fourth paragraph that addresses and refutes a counterclaim relating to the negative impacts on a horse’s well-being, and closes with a paragraph of summation • precise language and sentence structure: <i>just like in sports for humans, injuries happen and it is unfortunate but it’s the truth / Although some negatives exist, there are an abundance of positives that are brought to the horses, people and economies involved with the sport, with some brief phrasing that is more basic (the goods and bads)</i>

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Control of Conventions	Essay exhibits: • partial control: throughout • errors that do not hinder comprehension: <i>extremly / horses health, however horse racing / true to a certain extent but those people fail / extent but / recieve / peoples spirit / communitys / Becom / sport ... give ... carreer / over work / but it's / unfair. Similarly / economys / negatives but</i>
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Horse racing is a very popular sport that people from around the world participate in and watch. There is a large attraction to the racing events and there is even controversy surrounding the sport. From factors like the rate of horse injuries to drugs being used on the horses, many believe that the sport should be banned. ~~Despite~~ Despite these issues, the positives outweigh the negatives here ~~so~~ horse racing should not be banned.

~~There~~ There are a lot of benefits for horses that race. Racehorses are trained regularly. Source one explains this: "Through regular training sessions, horses maintain their fitness levels, build muscle strength, and improve their overall health." Horse racing makes horses healthier. ~~These~~ These horses are exercising very much, which is a huge benefit. Racing helps horses maintain a healthy life. On top of that, in the event a horse is ill or something is wrong with it, there are ~~many~~ experts in equestrian care to help. The source continues: "These professionals are well-versed in equine medicine and are dedicated to ensuring the well-being of these magnificent animals." (Source 1, lines 16-17) The horses are receiving the right care and treatment. If any injuries happen, they can be treated. The horses are ensured care and safety, allowing for great horse races for all that are interested. Banning horse racing wouldn't benefit anyone. ~~It would be a waste of money and resources.~~

There are also many economic benefits from horse racing. ~~The~~ The racetracks need to be built and workers are needed for it to operate. People like watching horse races and they're also willing to spend a little money while they're there. Source two elaborates on the economic opportunities available: "The industry ~~encompasses~~ encompasses a wide array of roles, from stable hands and jockeys to administrative staff and event organizers,

Racetracks become hubs of employment, providing livelihoods for individuals with diverse skill sets from equine experts to marketing professionals." (Source 4, lines 22-25). Horse racing creates jobs for people. Jobs are needed for an economy to function and this helps that. There will never be a point where ~~the~~ ~~more~~ jobs aren't needed, so this makes for a better economy. Source 4 goes on "Race goes seeking accommodation, dining options and entertainment contribute to increased economic activity, fostering a vibrant atmosphere in the host's community." (Source 4, lines 8-10). The area receiving more money helps that community. The amount of transactions and services that take place at horse fairs is large and the more money being spent, the better. Tourists come to races and tend to spend money, so removing these events gives tourists less things to do, harming that business as well. Horse racing is very popular. Banning it would also do damage to our economy.

There are many factors that do support the belief that this tradition should be banned. While the horses racing and exercising is a spectacular thing, there are also many horse deaths and injuries that occur. ~~Source 2~~ Source 2 elucidates: "From 2009 to 2021, more than 7,200 horses died, or were euthanized nationwide because of racing-related ~~injuries~~ illnesses and injuries." (Source 2, lines 9-10). ~~Horses~~ Horses get limb injuries and system disorders, like us. Sometimes horses cannot be saved. The abundance of horse deaths has led many to want the sport banned. Sadly, death is inevitable. In every sport there is risk. These numbers should not be used as reasoning for banning the sport, but rather encourage maintaining good quality treatment for race horses. Another concern

that has been raised is the usage of performance enhancing drugs that have been used on horses. Source 2 talks about Lasix, a drug used to treat horses. This drug has been abused and used to make the horses run faster. Source 2 gives an explanation: "While it's prescribed to treat bleeding in the lungs, the medication also ~~also~~ causes urination and, consequently, weight loss. Lighter horses ~~run~~ faster, and Lasix has been shown to help horses run three to five lengths faster." (Source 2, lines 51-53). This is bad for the horses. The ~~drug~~ drug abuse can only harm the horses and must contribute to the illness and death count. Those factors are terrible for the horses, but there are preventative measures that can be taken. Proper treatment and care will prevent this.

Horse racing is controversial, but it should stay around. The profit made and exercise done outweighs the preventative negatives. Proper care is essential for race horses and as long as that is reviewed, horse racing could continue ethically, making tourists and community members happy.

Anchor Level 4–A

Holistically, the essay meets the criteria for a Level 4.

Note: This essay is holistically a Level 4, with a stronger command of evidence.

Content and Analysis	Essay exhibits: • thorough claim: <i>From factors like the rate of horse injuries to drugs being used on the horses, Many believe that the sport should be banned. Despite these issues, the positives outweigh the negatives here so horse racing should not be banned</i> • appropriate source and topic analysis: <i>Horse racing creates jobs for people. Jobs are needed for an economy to function and this helps that. There will never be a point where jobs aren't needed, so this makes for a better economy / An area recieving more money helps that community. The amount of transactions and services that take place at horse races is large and the more money being spent, the better</i> • thorough evaluation of a counterclaim: <i>The abundance of horse deaths has led many to want the sport banned. Sadly, death is inevitable. In every sport there is risk. These numbers should not be used as reasoning for banning the sport, but rather encourage maintaing good quality treatment for race horses</i>
Command of Evidence	Essay exhibits: • thorough and accurate support using effective and relevant evidence: <i>The industry encompasses a wide array of roles, from stable hands and jockeys to administrative staff and event organizers. Racetracks become hubs of employment, providing livelihoods for individuals with diverse skill sets from equine experts to marketing professionals / "From 2009 to 2021 more than 7,200 horses died or were euthanized nationwide because of racing-related illnesses and injuries..."</i> • consistent avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation format: <i>(Source 4, lines 22–25) / (Source 2, lines 9–10)</i>
Coherence, Organization, and Style	Essay exhibits: • acceptable focus on task: throughout • logical organization of ideas: With an introductory paragraph that states that horse racing should not be banned, followed by a paragraph that explains the benefits of training for race horses and a third paragraph that discusses the economic benefits of horse racing on a community. A fourth paragraph presents and refutes the opposing side by stating although there are some negative factors, there are <i>preventative measures that can be taken</i>. The conclusion summarizes key points and reiterates the claim • appropriate language and sentence structure: <i>The horses are ensured care and safety, allowing for great horse races for all that are interested. / Source four elaborates on the economic opportunities available / Proper care is essential for race horses and as long as that is recieved, horse racing could continue ethically, making tourists and community members happy</i>
Control of Conventions	Essay exhibits: • partial control: throughout • errors that do not hinder comprehension: <i>negatives here so horse racing / continues: "These / animals." (Source 1, lines 16–17) The / recieving / racetracks ... it / maintaing / explanation</i>

many people ask the question: Should horse racing be banned? The answer is no. Horse racing shouldn't be banned for a variety of reasons, such as improving the physical conditions of the horses to also benefiting the surrounding economy. Some people may argue that horse racing should be banned because of the amount of injuries to both the jockeys and the horses, but ~~the~~ the benefits outweigh the cons. There is simply more benefit.

An example of one of these benefits is that horse racing improves the physical conditions of a horse. As shown in source 1, "The rigorous exercise routine not only keeps them in peak physical condition but also helps to keep their minds sharp and engaged." (Source 1, lines 8-9) This shows that as a result of horse racing and as a result of training for horse racing, the horses are kept at peak physical condition which is better for their overall welfare. Their minds are also kept sharp which improves their awareness and also their performance in racing, providing a much healthier horse.

Another example of the benefits is that it improves the surrounding economy. As shown in source 4, "Local economies become intertwined with the equestrian world, creating a symbiotic relationship that fosters growth, tourism, and community development." (Source 4, ^{7 lines} 18-19) This example shows how the horse racing develops the community by mixing local economies with the equestrian world. This allows for growth and tourism, which creates an overall boom in the economy.

Which lasts not only for the race day, but also in times later.

Some may disagree and say that horse racing should be banned. This is because "Historically, many racehorse deaths have resulted from limb injuries, followed by respiratory, digestive, and multiorgan system disorders." (Source 2, lines 12-13) While this is true, it is one of the very few cons of horse racing compared to the many benefits of horse racing. Also, almost every sport is always going to have injuries. Injuries are just part of a sport because of the physicality of the sport. It is no different ~~for~~ horse racing.

In conclusion, horse racing shouldn't be banned because the benefits outweigh the cons. The cons are just the normal issues that you would have with any sport, not just horse racing. So there is no reason why horse racing should be different. Also, if horse racing is banned, some communities will struggle because the sport was a big part of their culture and a big source of money for them.

Anchor Level 4–B

Holistically, the essay meets the criteria for a Level 4.

Note: The formulaic structure of this essay’s body paragraphs incorporates a topic sentence, followed by a quotation, and a *This example shows* explanation resulting in a Level 4 essay.

Content and Analysis	Essay exhibits: • specific claim: <i>Horse racing shouldn’t be banned for a variety of reasons, such as improving the physical conditions of the horses to also benefiting the surrounding economy</i> • appropriate source and topic analysis: <i>This shows that as a result of horse racing and as a result of training for horse racing, the horses are kept at peak physical condition which is better for their overall welfare / This example shows how the horse racing develops the community by mixing local economies with the equestrian world. This allows for growth and tourism, which creates an overall boom in the economy Which lasts not only for the race day, but also in times later</i> • appropriate evaluation of a counterclaim: <i>Some may disagree and say that horse racing should be banned ... While this is true, it is one of the very few cons of horse racing compared to the many benefits of horse racing. Also, almost every sport is always going to have injuries</i>
Command of Evidence	Essay exhibits: • sufficient and adequate support using relevant evidence: <i>“The rigorous exercise routine not only keeps them in peak physical condition but also helps to keep their minds sharp and engaged.” / “Local economies become intertwined with the equestrian world, (Source 4, Lines 18–19) creating a symbiotic relationship that fosters growth, tourism, and community development”</i> • consistent avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation format: <i>As shown in source 1, ... (Source 1, lines 8–9) / This is because ... (Source 2, lines 12–13)</i>
Coherence, Organization, and Style	Essay exhibits: • acceptable focus on task: throughout • logical organization of ideas: With an introductory paragraph that presents both sides of the topic, but concludes that <i>the benefits outweigh the cons</i> of horseracing, followed by a second paragraph about horseracing improving <i>the physical conditions of a horse</i>. A third paragraph discusses how <i>the surrounding economy</i> is improved through horseracing. A fourth paragraph presents and refutes the counterclaim, followed by a paragraph of summation • appropriate language and sentence structure: <i>Their minds are also kept sharp ... providing a much healthier horse / Injuries are just part of a sport because of the physicality of the sport / Which lasts not only for the race day, but also in times later and awkward phrasing but also in times later</i>
Control of Conventions	Essay exhibits: • emerging control: throughout • errors that do not hinder comprehension: <i>many People / is no / benefiting / benefits outweigh ... There is simply more benefit / engaged.”(Source 1, lines 8–9) This / welfare</i>

Yes, horse racing should be banned. It should be banned because first it's bad for the horse to have all that weight and second the jockey's can get seriously hurt, and it's very dangerous.

One example ~~from the text~~ from the text to support my claim is in (Source 2 lines 31 - 33) it states that Racehorses can be involved in ~~many~~ accidents on the track, which can lead to severe injuries or even fatalities posing significant risks to both the horse and their jockeys. This shows how any racing with a horse is a risk. ~~Another example~~ Another example is (Source 3, line 4-5) is A single misstep or slight error may result in the jockey being thrown from the horse, potentially resulting in catastrophic injury or death. This shows that jockeys have more of a risk when riding and it's dangerous.

A third example is (Source 2, line 9) from 2009 to 2021, more than 7,200 horses died or were euthanized nationwide because of racing-related illness and injuries. ~~Another example~~ This shows that racing is really dangerous and horses have died due to racing and that is wrong.

A counter argument some people may make is that horse racing should not be banned. Some may say it's good for the horses health. For example in Source one it says "One major benefit of racing for horses is the physical exercise and mental stimulation it provides." Lines 5-6 This shows some may be for ~~the~~ horseracing because of the benefits.

In Conclusion, Yes horseracing should be banned. Horseracing is dangerous to both the horse and jockey. It can cause injuries or even be deadly.

Anchor Level 4–C

Holistically, the essay meets the criteria for a Level 4.

Note: This lower Level 4 essay provides formulaic incorporation of relevant quotations paired with one-sentence explanations.

Content and Analysis	Essay exhibits: • specific claim: <i>Yes, horse racing should be banned ... because first it's bad for the horse to have all that weight and second the jockey's can get seriously hurt</i> • emerging source and topic analysis: <i>This shows that jockeys have more of a risk when riding and it's dangerous / This shows that racing is really dangerous and horses have died due to racing and that is wrong</i> • insufficient evaluation of a counterclaim: <i>This shows some may be for horseracing because of the benefits</i>
Command of Evidence	Essay exhibits: • sufficient and adequate support using relevant evidence: <i>which can lead to severe injuries or even fatalities / from 2009 to 2021, more than 7,200 horses died or were euthanized nationwide because of racing-related illness and injuries</i> • partial avoidance of plagiarism with acceptable citation: <i>(source 1 lines 31–33) and (source 3, line 4–5), lacking quotation marks in most cases</i>
Coherence, Organization, and Style	Essay exhibits: • acceptable focus on task: throughout • logical organization of ideas: With an introductory paragraph that states a claim that horse racing <i>should be banned</i> followed by two paragraphs of support focusing on the risks of injury to both horses and jockeys. A fourth paragraph briefly addresses a counterclaim based on the benefits of racing to a <i>horses health</i>. The conclusion reiterates the claim • basic language and sentence structure: <i>And it's very dangerous / Racehorses can be involved in accidents on the track / This shows that racing is really dangerous</i>
Control of Conventions	Essay exhibits: • partial control: throughout • errors that do not hinder comprehension: <i>first it's / weight and second / jockey's can / is in (source 1 lines 31–33) it states / which can lead to severe / racing and that is wrong</i>