CRM 2702 Criminal Investigations

Short Paper Week 3 and 5 Rubric 75 Points

Criterion	Exemplary	Accomplished	Developing	Poor
	9-10 points	8 points	7 points	0-6 points
Focus/Thesis **Up to 10 points**	Identifies and demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the main issues/problems in the assignment.	Conveys topic and key question(s). Clearly delineates subtopics to be reviewed. General thesis statement.	Identifies and demonstrates an acceptable understanding of most of the issues/problems.	Does not adequately convey topic. Does not describe subtopics to be reviewed. Lacks adequate theses statement. Inadequate or no summary/conclusion.
	9-10 points	8 points	7 points	0-6 points
Content/Subject Knowledge **Up to 10 points**	Makes appropriate and powerful connections between identified issues/ problems and the strategic concepts studied in the course readings and lectures. Fully responds to each part of the assignment, presenting both objective facts and subjective views as required.	Makes appropriate connections between most identified issues/ problems and the general concepts studied in the course readings and lectures. Responds with 80% or more of required information, both objective and subjective.	Makes appropriate but somewhat vague connections between identified issues/problems and concepts studied in readings and lectures. Responds with 70% or more of required information, both objective and subjective.	Makes inappropriate or little connection between issues identified and the concepts studied in the readings; supplements case study, if at all. Responds with less than 70% of required information, both objective and subjective.
	9-10 points	8 points	7 points	0-6 points
Required Research **Up to 10 points**	Utilized three or more scholarly references, including at least one peer-reviewed journal.	Utilized three references, including at least two scholarly references, one of which was from a peer-reviewed journal. No wikis or unprofessional web resources used.	Utilized three non-textbook resources. No wikis or unprofessional web resources used.	Fewer than three resources used. Wikis and unprofessional resources used.
	23-25 points	20-23 points	17-19 points	0-16 points
Critical Thinking Skills **Up to 25 points**	Accurately interprets evidence, statements, graphics, questions, etc. Draws warranted, judicious, non-fallacious conclusions. Fair-mindedly follows where evidence and reasons lead.	Accurately interprets evidence, statements, graphics, questions, etc. Identifies relevant arguments (reasons and claims) pro and con. Offers analyses and evaluations of obvious alternative points of view. Justifies analyses and evaluations of obvious alternative points of view. Fairmindedly follows where evidence and reasons lead.	Accurately interprets evidence, statements, graphics, questions, etc. in most circumstances. Identifies some relevant arguments (reasons and claims) pro and con. Basic analyses and evaluations of obvious alternative points of view. Incomplete analyses and evaluations of obvious alternative points of view. Bias and preconceptions evident that detract from a true critical review.	Misinterprets evidence, statements, graphics, questions, etc. Fails to identify strong, relevant counter-arguments. Ignores or superficially evaluates obvious alternative points of view. Justifies few results or procedures, seldom explains reasons. Regardless of the evidence or reasons maintains or defends views based on self-interest or preconceptions.

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	14-15 points	12-13 points	10-11 points	0-10 points
Organization **Up to 15 points**	Paper clearly discusses topics and subtopics; it is strongly organized with transitions linking all topics. Excellent summary and conclusion.	Paper discusses topics and subtopics and is well organized with clear transitions. Summary/conclusion recaps the topic and key findings.	Paper discusses topics and subtopics but may be poorly organized; student attempts to provide transitions. Summary/conclusion recaps the topic and key findings.	Paper is not logically organized and lacks transitions between sentences and paragraphs. Inadequate or no summary/conclusion.
	5 points	4 points	3 points	0-2 points
Writing Conventions **Up to 5 points**	Demonstrates clarity, conciseness and correctness; formatting is appropriate and writing is free of grammar and spelling errors. All sources are correctly written in the in-text citation and on the References page in APA style.	Grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors occur rarely in the paper and do not interfere with reading the paper. Few sources are incorrectly written in APA style in either the in-text citation or on the References page.	Occasional grammar or spelling errors, but still a clear presentation of ideas; lacks organization. Most sources are incorrectly written in either the in-text citations or on the References page, but APA style is attempted.	Writing is unfocused, rambling, or contains serious errors; poorly organized and does not follow specified guidelines. APA style is not used or poorly attempted