

## English IV – EOC#3 – Extended Response 1

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### Article 1

#### Almanac

The indifferent rivers  
Will keep on flowing to the sea  
Or ruinously overflowing dikes,  
Ancient handiwork of determined men.  
5 The glaciers will continue to grate,  
Smoothing what's under them  
Or suddenly fall headlong,  
Cutting short fir trees' lives.  
The sea, captive between  
10 Two continents, will go on struggling,  
Always miserly with its riches.  
Sun stars planets and comets  
Will continue on their course.  
Earth too will fear the immutable  
15 Laws of the universe.  
Not us. We, rebellious progeny  
With great brainpower, little sense,  
Will destroy, defile  
Always more feverishly.  
20 Very soon we'll extend the desert  
Into the Amazon forests,  
Into the living heart of our cities,  
Into our very hearts.

Primo Levi, "Almanac." © 1988.

## Question 1

Throughout "Almanac," the poet shows an interest in the environment. Briefly summarize the poem's observations or concerns about Earth's rivers, seas, glaciers, and other features.

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## Writing a Summary Rubric

	<b>4 Points</b>	<b>3 Points</b>	<b>2 Points</b>	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>Main Idea</b>	Correctly identifies the main idea in a clear and accurate manner.	Correctly identifies most of main idea in a complete sentence.	Identifies an important idea but not the main idea in a complete sentence.	Identifies a detail but not the main idea.
<b>Supporting Details</b>	Clearly states 2 or more important details using own words or statements.	States at least 2 important details with some paraphrasing of information.	States at least 1 important detail. Demonstrates little if any paraphrasing.	Includes unnecessary details. Does not demonstrate any paraphrasing.
<b>Conclusion</b>	Writes a clear and specific concluding statement.	Writes an adequate concluding statement.	Writes a weak concluding statement.	Does not include a concluding statement.
<b>Mechanics and Grammar</b>	Contains few, if any spelling or grammatical errors.	Contains several errors in punctuation, spelling or grammar that do not interfere with meaning.	Contains many errors in punctuation, spelling and/or grammar that interferes with meaning.	Contains many errors in punctuation, spelling and/or grammar that make the piece illegible.

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