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Grade Sheet for Argument Paper
ENG 140

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_____ **I. Introduction (10)**

- A. Demonstration of importance and interest in the issue
- B. Clear statement of thesis
- C. Forecasting statement

_____ **II. Body Organization (10)**

- A. Clear topical transitions that introduce what you'll discuss in each paragraph and show how the topics of each paragraph are relevant to the stated aim of your paper.
- B. Organizational structure based on a clear rationale for how the argument proceeds.

_____ **III. Content (30)**

- A. Reasoning is logical. Fallacies are avoided. Claims are supported with evidence and appropriately qualified. Supporting evidence from sources demonstrates an informed argument. Sources are introduced.
- B. Adequate background information is provided.
- C. Ambiguous and debatable terms are defined.
- D. Counter arguments are explained and answered.

_____ **IV. Style (15)**

- A. Active voice is used when appropriate. Passive voice is avoided.
- B. Clarity, cohesion and coherence.
- C. Grammar, punctuation, spelling, paragraphing, etc.

_____ **/65 Total Points**