## **SECTION 3: Essay Evaluation**

Essays are scored with 5 criteria: Situation, Task, Action, Results and Format.

Each area can be scored 2, 1 or 0 points. Here is a description of the requirements for each score in each criteria:

SCORE	SITUATION	TASK	ACTION	RESULTS	FORMAT
2 points	The essay provides a detailed and clear description of a practical work situation relevant to the Competency area.  The candidate describes how the situation impacts the workplace.  The candidate coherently explains why the challenge requires a DEI approach.	The essay describes the requirements of a solution to address the situation, such as who needs to be involved and the resources needed.  The essay describes a clear solution developed to address the situation.  The candidate demonstrates a sound understanding of the situation and clear reasoning in developing a solution.	The essay clearly outlines the candidate's actions and demonstrates the range of DEI skills in the area of competency applied.  The essay describes the tools, resources or supports used.  The competencies demonstrated align with the situation and its needs.	The essay explains the short- and long-term outcomes of the actions taken by the candidate.  It highlights what the candidate accomplished and learned, and how this will inform their DEI practice in the future.  The candidate may acknowledge what they could have done differently and how they will respond in the future.	There are clear links between the competency selected, situation, task, actions, and results achieved.  The candidate communicates effectively and efficiently.  The essay follows formatting guidelines: approximately 2 pages (double-spaced) in length, includes all relevant information, and is in a legible format.
1 point	The essay briefly summarizes a practical work situation relevant to the Competency area.  There are gaps in the explanation of the situation and it is not clear why a DEI approach is required.  There is little detail of how this situation impacts their organization.	The candidate presents a superficial understanding of the situation and what it requires.  The solution developed is not thoroughly explained, with gaps in demonstrating how it addresses the challenge.  There is little mention of other people and resources involved.	The essay mentions actions taken with noticeable gaps in demonstrating DEI skills.  The competencies demonstrated align with the situation presented and show some relevance to the situation.	The essay briefly highlights short- and long-term outcomes of the actions taken.  There is some mention of what the candidate accomplished or learned, and how this will inform their DEI practice in the future, with gaps in the reflection.	The link between the competencies, situation, task, actions, and results are present, but not well described.  The candidate communicates somewhat effectively.  The essay is either too short and should have included more details; or too long and includes some unnecessary information.
0 points	The essay does not provide a description of a situation relevant to the competency area.	The task is poorly laid out or not identifiable.  The task is not explored, and the essay does not provide information on the development of a plan to respond to the situation.  The candidate's reasoning and considerations are not mentioned.	The essay does not identify what the candidate did and does not provide evidence of DEI competency.  DEI skills demonstrated are not aligned with the situation presented, or with the selected Area of competency.	The essay does not describe outcomes of the actions taken. It does not highlight what the candidate accomplished or learned.	There are no links between the competency selected, situation, task, action, and results achieved.  The candidate does not communicate effectively.  The essay is much too short or much too long.



