

## Essay Checklist and Response\*

N.B. Generally speaking and in the lists below, **problems with writing** or expression are often directly related to, or indistinguishable from, **problems with thinking**.

### **Problems with Writing (grammar, style, organization, expression):**

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| ⑧ sentence fragments                                 | ⑧ paragraphing                       |
| ⑧ structure of the essay                             | ⑧ convoluted sentence structure      |
| ⑧ paragraph transitions                              | ⑧ run-on sentences                   |
| ⑧ overuse of passive voice (write in active voice)   | ⑧ comma splice                       |
| ⑧ writing in the past tense (write in present tense) | ⑧ spelling or t/o (always proofread) |
| ⑧ noun/pronoun agreement                             | ⑧ misuse of apostrophe/possessives   |
| ⑧ subject/verb agreement                             | ⑧ punctuation                        |
| ⑧ material is repeated unnecessarily                 | ⑧ diction (word choice)              |
| ⑧  | ⑧ ineffective use of tone            |
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