Question: In a 750 word essay, argue a position on whether or not Globalisation has had a positive impact on the global community.

Due Date: March 24th

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| **Criteria** | **Excellent**  **5-4.5** | **Very Good**  **4-3.5** | **Progressing**  **3-2.5** | **Needs Improvement**  **2-1** | **Mark** |
| **Introduction and**  **Thesis Statement** | Effectively introduces the topic  Thesis statement clearly and effectively identifies your position (answer to the question)  Very clearly highlights supporting arguments to be discussed (without providing details) | Topic is introduced  Thesis statement identifies your position (answer to the question)  Highlights supporting arguments to be discussed | Somewhat of an introduction  Your position is stated, but supporting arguments to be discussed are not clear  Supporting arguments are outlined but position (answer to the question) is not clear | No clear  position taken  Supporting arguments not clear nor outlined  Choppy flow – a bit confusing  Much more work needed with respect to answering the question |  |
| **Content**  Evidence  (facts & examples)  Depth & Analysis | Insightful, clearly focused, and well balanced arguments in support of your thesis are included  Well evidenced response.  Variety of data used. (stats, direct quote, paraphrase).  Evidence cited in MLA.  Highly effective explanations clearly show how the evidence supports the thesis – consistent throughout  Synthesis is well developed with evidence and explanations fully and effectively integrated  Demonstrates critical thinking and an in depth understanding | Relevant and focused arguments in support of your thesis are included  Relevant and mostly detailed evidence used. (stats, direct quote, paraphrase).  Evidence cited in MLA  Explanations show how the evidence supports the thesis, however they need to be clearer and/or more convincing  Synthesis is present, but not always effectively or consistently integrated  Solid understanding demonstrated | An attempt was made to include arguments in support of your thesis, however they need to be more relevant and/or focused  There is some relevant, accurate evidence, but detail is insufficient  Greater variety of evidence needed  Explanations attempt to show how examples support the thesis, but limited and/or in need of much further elaboration  Evidence appears to be “listed” and not analysed.  Lack of understanding | Essay is too narrative or descriptive, you need to present clear arguments in support of your thesis  More accurate and/or specific evidence to avoid unsupported generalizations.  Explanations and connections to thesis are not included  In-text citation missing  Little understanding  MLA not used | **X3=** |
| **Organization and Mechanics**  **Formatting and Essay Rules** | Correct spelling and grammar used effectively all/almost all of the time  Highly effective topic sentences (each clearly presents a supporting argument), concluding sentences (clearly links argument and evidence to thesis), and paragraph structure used consistently throughout essay  Very well organized and smooth transitions from one idea to the next  Meets all formatting requirements:  Blank white paper  Typed  Double spaced  Times New Roman font  Correct page numbering  Correct MLA title page  Correct MLA referencing  Word Count included | Spelling and grammar used with considerable accuracy  Good paragraph structure, relevant topic and concluding sentences (clear links to thesis)  Organized and good flow from one idea to the next  One –two formatting requirements are not met. | Spelling and grammar require more work  Include more formal and relevant vocabulary  Most topic and concluding sentences included, but need to be more consistently and directly linked to the thesis  Three –four formatting requirements are not met. | Multiple spelling and grammar errors  Sentence structure needs improvement  Unclear, or inaccurate vocabulary  Most/all topic and concluding sentences missing  Paragraph structure unclear  Much more consideration of organization required  More than four formatting requirements are not met. |  |
| **Conclusion** | Strong conclusion leaves the reader solidly understanding your position  Effectively restates the thesis  Clear and effective summary of supporting arguments  Leaves the reader with something to think about | Conclusion restates your thesis and supporting arguments  May leave the reader with something to think about  Fairly smooth flow between sentences | Conclusion attempts to restate the thesis, but somewhat unclear  Summary of supporting arguments unclear or incomplete  Choppy flow – needs improvement | Thesis is not restated  Summary of supporting arguments not included    Unclear how it relates to essay |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |  | **/30** |