CFAW PAPER – RUBRIC

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20–18 points	17–15 points	14–11 points	10–7 points
 Focus: Clear and coherent; detailing the interaction and role of virtue and self-governance, now and in the future. Logic: Clear and obvious flow of ideas. Evidence: Supports assertions fully and appropriate choice of topic, examples and style. 	 Focus: Obvious focus, generally maintained. Logic: Generally logical flow of thought. Evidence: Supports most assertions well. Concept: Generally appropriate choice of topic, examples, and style. 	 Focus: Weakly focused. Logic: Some leaps in logic. Evidence: Some assertions unsupported, or failure to distinguish between assertions and proof. Concept: Weak choice of topic, examples, and style. 	 Focus: No clear focus. Logic: No clear flow of ideas. Evidence: Poor or absent evidence for assertions; evidence supporting no clear point. Concept: Inappropriate choice of topic, examples, and style.
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