**Oral Commentary (a 10 minute discussion of one of the works)**

**Knowledge and understanding of the work used in the discussion**

• How much knowledge and understanding has the student shown of the work used in the discussion?

**Marks Level descriptor**

0 The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.

1 There is little knowledge or understanding of the content of the work discussed.

2 There is some knowledge and **superficial understanding** of the content of the work discussed.

3 There is adequate knowledge and understanding of the content and **some of the implications** of the work discussed.

4 There is very good knowledge and understanding of the content and most of the implications of the work discussed.

5 There is excellent knowledge and understanding of the content and the implications of the work discussed.

(*a superficial understanding is simply an accurate summary of Douglass’ narrative. To achieve a mark 3 or higher, the commentary must include accurate details AND discuss audience/purpose, historical/literary context, and/or style/technique*)

**Response to the discussion questions**

• How effectively does the student respond to the discussion questions?

**Marks Level descriptor**

0 The work does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.

1 There is limited ability to respond meaningfully to the discussion questions.

2 Responses to the discussion questions are sometimes relevant.

3 **Responses** to the discussion questions **are relevant** and show some **evidence of independent thought**.

4 Well-informed responses to the discussion questions show a good degree of independent thought.

5 There are persuasive and independent responses to the discussion questions.

*(If only some responses, meaning examples and commentary, are relevant, only a score of 2 is awarded. If all responses are relevant to the discussion questions and the commentary develops and supports a thesis statement, then a score of 3 or higher is awarded. What do you think an examiner would have to hear to award a score 5?)*