

**Performance Guidelines for Exams**  
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<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Definitions or Compare and Contrast questions</b>	<b>Short Answer/Essay/Calculations</b>
"A"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written definition is complete and accurate.</li> <li>• Provides a sentence that shows meaning of word in its proper context.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answers are complete and accurate.</li> <li>• Essays use geologic vocabulary relevant to concepts addressed by question.</li> <li>• Responses to questions that ask for descriptions of photographs/images contain detailed descriptions observations. Interpretative portions of question are clearly tied to observations.</li> <li>• Information in essays is well organized and presented in a logical framework.</li> <li>• Calculations show work with units written out fully.</li> </ul>
"B"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written definition is complete and accurate.</li> <li>• Vocabulary word is not used correctly in context of an example; OR</li> <li>• Meaning of word is not used in an example.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essays are missing key concepts or vocabulary is misused.</li> <li>• Presentation of argument is disorganized.</li> <li>• Questions asking for descriptions of photographs/images are answered in generalities. Interpretations are not clearly tied to observations.</li> <li>• Calculations show correct answer, but work (method) is not shown completely; OR</li> <li>• Calculations show mathematical error but work (method) is shown completely.</li> </ul>
"C"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written definition is incomplete or partially inaccurate.</li> <li>• Meaning of word is not used or not used correctly in an example.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses are missing information needed for complete answer.</li> <li>• Responses contain inaccurate information.</li> <li>• Vocabulary relevant to concepts addressed by question is not used.</li> <li>• Essay is not presented in logical framework</li> <li>• Calculations incomplete: no work is shown and answer is incorrect.</li> </ul>
"D" or "E"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response is completely incorrect.</li> <li>• Meaning of word is not used in an example.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority of question is inaccurate or unanswered.</li> </ul>