High Quality Assessment Content Validity Review Tool

Content Area: Social Studies
Name of Assessment: Economic Systems: Text Based Writing Assessment
Reviewer: Content Collaborative
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Assessment Profile

Grade Level(s) suggested by this assessment: 12

Indicate the Colorado Academic Standards (CAS) and Grade Level Expectations evaluated by the Assessment:
SS09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.1-EO.a; SS09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.a; SS09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.b; SS09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.c; SS09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.d; SS09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2-EO.e; SS09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.a; SS09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.b; SS09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3-EO.c

What is the DOK of the assessment?

1 to 3

Indicate the DOK range of the CAS Grade Level Expectations:

1 to 3

Describe the content knowledge/concepts assessed: Analysis of economic reasoning used to create policies. Relationship between economic goals and allocation of scarce resources. How government influences the economy. Interaction between foreign and domestic policies. Effect of government on state, national, and local economies. Role of government in economic systems. Role of competition in market economies.

List the skills/performance assessed:

Using primary sources, compare and contrast, evaluate and predict, analyze economic policies. Students are asked to complete a Document Based Question using primary sources.

Item Types - check all that apply (note: there is often overlap among certain item types):	Check All That Apply
Selected Response (multiple choice, true-false, matching, etc.)	
Short Answer (short constructed response, fill in a graphic organizer or diagram, explain your thinking or solution, make and complete a table, etc.)	
Extended Response (essay, multi-step response with explanation and rationale required for tasks)	X
Product (research paper, editorial, log, journal, play, poem, model, multimedia, art products, script, musical score, portfolio pieces, etc.)	
Performance (demonstration, presentation, science lab, dance or music performance, athletic performance, debate, etc.)	
Process (creation, development, design, exploration, imagining, visualization, experimentation, invention, revision)	

The assessment includes:	Check All That Apply
Teacher directions (may include prerequisites/description of instruction before giving the assessment e.g., this assessment should be given after students have learned …)	
Scoring Guide/Rubric	
Sample evidence to show what student performance might look like:	
Materials (if needed to complete the assessment)	

Estimated time for administration		
Student Directions & Assessment Task/Prompt – what does the student see/use?		x
Other:		

A high quality assessment should be...Aligned		
Alignment with Standards	**Rating Column**	**Strengths & Suggestions**
1a. To what extent do you see a strong content match between the set of items reviewed or the task and the corresponding Colorado Academic Standard/s? **Select one option below.**		This assessment needs student directions that ask specifically for students to use knowledge and concepts found in the evidence outcomes. A scoring rubric needs to be created that addresses the same standards-based knowledge and concepts.
Full match – task or most items address or exceed the relevant skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s.		
Partial match – task or most items partially address the skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s.		
No match – task or most items are not related to the skills and knowledge described in the corresponding state standard/s.		
Please provide evidence from both the standards and assessment to support your response:		
The assessment asks for comparison contrast of economic policies. It is a full match for GLE 2, and partially addresses some of the content in GLE 1 and 3.	Full=3; Partial =2; No Match= 1	
Alignment with Standards Score	**2**	
Depth of Knowledge as Measured by this Assessment	**Rating Column**	
1b. Are the set of items or task reviewed as cognitively challenging as the grade level expectations? **Select one option below.**		
More rigorous – most items or the task reviewed are at a higher DOK level than the range indicated for the grade level expectations.		
Similar rigor – most items or the task reviewed are similar to the DOK range indicated for the grade level expectations.		
Less rigor – most items or the task reviewed are lower than the DOK range indicated for the grade level expectations.		
Please provide evidence from both the grade level expectations and assessment to support your response:		
We think that this DBQ question is a DOK level 3 and the Evidence Outcomes in these GLE's mostly go to a DOK level 3.	Similar Rigor=2; More Rigor=1; Less Rigor= 1	
Depth of Knowledge (Rigor) Score	**2**	

A high quality assessment should be…Scored using Clear Guidelines and Criteria		
Scoring Guidelines for this Assessment	**Check all that apply:**	**Strengths/Suggestions**
Scoring Guide Present:		
Answer key, scoring template, computerized/machine scored		
Generalized Rubric (e.g., for persuasive writing, for all science labs)		
Task-Specific Rubric (only used for the particular task)		
Checklist (e.g., with score points for each part)		
Teacher Observation Sheet/ Observation Checklist		
We wonder if there is a rubric that's just not posted here. This is from Jeffco.	**Yes, several types=3, Yes, at least one type=2, None=1**	
Scoring Guide Present Score	**N/A**	
2a. Give evidence that the rubric/scoring criteria aligns to Colorado Academic Standards in this assessment.		
Provide an explanation of your response: It does not exist.	**Completely aligned=3, Somewhat aligned=2, Not aligned=1**	
Rubric Aligned with Standards Score	**N/A**	
2b. Are the score categories clearly defined and coherent across performance levels? **Provide an explanation of your response:**		
There are not score categories.	**Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1**	
Rubric/Scoring Coherent Score	**N/A**	
2c. To what degree does the rubric/scoring criteria address all of the demands within the task or item? **Explain: There is no rubric or scoring criteria.**		
	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Rubric/Scoring Alignment	**N/A**	
2d. Based on your review of the rubric/scoring criteria, do you think the scoring rubric would most likely lead different raters to arrive at the same score for a given response? **Why or why not?** There is not scoring criteria.		
	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Inter-rater Reliability Score	**N/A**	
2e. Is there student work (e.g., anchor papers, video, portfolio) which illustrates student mastery? If so, describe. If not, what student work would be needed? We need samples of DBQ essays at all performance levels.		
	Yes=3, Somewhat=2, No=1	
Student Work Samples Score	**1**	

A high quality assessment should be...FAIR and UNBIASED		
FAIR and UNBIASED *(the areas below should be discussed relative to the needs of ELLs, gifted and talented students, and students with disabilities)*	**Rating Column**	**Strengths/Suggestions**
3a. To what extent are most of the items or the tasks designed and formatted to be visually clear and uncluttered (e.g., use of white space, graphics, and illustrations)?		
Provide an explanation of your response: It is clear and easy to read.		
	All=3, Some=2, None=1	
"Clear & Uncluttered" Score	**3**	
3b. To what extent are most of the items or the task presented in as straightforward a way as possible for a range of learners?		
Provide an explanation of your response: Students would need to learn about doing DBQs in class before this assessment. With some background in doing DBQ's, the task is clear. We suggest adding to the prompt "Evaluate and predict the impact the policy might have" to say "might have on…" Be specific about what might be impacted.		
	All=3, Some=2, None=1	
"Straight Forward" Score	**2**	
3c. To what degree is the vocabulary and context(s) presented by most of the items or task free from cultural or other unintended bias? **Provide an explanation of your response:**		
We did not see anything that looked like bias.	All=3, Some=2, None=1	
Free of 'Cultural or Unintended Bias' Score	**3**	
3d. Does the assessment require students to possess a high level of academic language* comprehension to demonstrate understanding? **Provide an explanation of your response:**		
The assessment requires knowledge of vocabulary words that some students, such as ELL students may not know. For example: BMI, austerity, "raft of tough austerity measures," bailout.	No=3, Somewhat=2, Yes=1	
"Academic Language" Score	**1**	
*Please reference "Defining Features of Academic Language in WIDA's		
3e. If applicable, what type of accommodations should be considered to ensure that students with special needs can fully access the content represented by the task or set of items reviewed?		
Accommodations are commonly categorized in five ways: presentation, response, setting, and timing and scheduling: o **Presentation Accommodations** —*Allow students to access information in ways that do not require them to visually read standard print. These alternate modes of access are auditory, multi-sensory, tactile, and visual.* o **Response Accommodations** —*Allow students to complete activities, assignments, and assessments in different ways or to solve or organize problems using some type of assistive device or organizer.* o **Setting Accommodations** —*Change the location in which a test or assignment is given or the conditions of the assessment setting.* o **Timing and Scheduling Accommodations** —*Increase the allowable length of time to complete an assessment or assignment and perhaps change the way the time is organized.* o **Linguistic Accommodations** — *Allow English language learners (ELLs) to access academic construct measured by reducing the linguistic load of an assessment. The accommodation is based on an ELL's limited English language proficiency, which is different than an accommodation based on a student's disability or a cognitive need.*		

3f: Identify and write down the accommodations permitted for this assessment: None listed, but any of the above accommodations would be appropriate for students entitled to them.	Yes, Several allowed=3; Yes, Some allowed=2; None allowed =1	
"Adequate Accomodations Allowed" Score	**1**	

A high quality assessment should …increase OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN		
The areas below should also be discussed relative to the needs of ELLs, gifted and talented students, and students with disabilities	**Check all that apply:**	**Strengths/Suggestions**
4a. Does this assessment engage a student in thinking that connects to a real world, new context, situation, problem or challenge? **Provide an explanation of your response:** The DBQ asks students to analyze economic reasoning behind aactual policies, and then predict the impact that these policies may have on real-world situations.	Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1	
"Engages Students" Score	**3**	
4b. To what extent do you think the knowledge and skills tested by the assessment can provide good information about what students have learned in the classroom? **Provide an explanation of your response:** A student could not perform well on this assessment without having learned the GLE's extensively in class.	Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1	
Classroom Learning Score	**3**	
4c. To what degree do the results from this assessment (scores and student work analysis) foster meaningful dialogue about learning expectations and outcomes with students and parents? **Provide an explanation of your response:** To a high degree because understanding specific evidence outcomes could be discussed in the context of the real-world sitautions that students respond to.	Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1	
Learning Expectations/Outcomes Score	**3**	
4d. To what extent do you believe the assessment can clearly communicate expectations for academic excellence (e.g., creativity, transference to other content areas or 21st century skills) to students? **Provide an explanation of your response:** The assessment requires analysis of reasoning that was used to create real economic policies, and requires prediction of how well the policies may or may not work when applied to real-world situations.	Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1	
Communicates Academic Excellence Score	**3**	
4e. Based on the content evaluated by the task or the set of items reviewed, to what extent do you think teachers can use the results (scores and student work analysis) to understand what competency on standard/s look like? **Provide an explanation of your response:** Because the assessment asks for higher levels of thinking skills, and the the GLE's also address those higher levels of thinking, the results would give teachers a solid understanding of student competency on the standards.	Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1	
Standards Competency Score	**3**	

4f: Based on the content evaluated by the task or the set of items reviewed, to what extent do you think teachers can identify what purpose the assessment serves (e.g., diagnostic, report card grades, adjusting instruction, etc.)? **Provide an explanation of your response:**		
This type of assessment could be used effectively for several different purposes, including diagnostic, summative reporting, and adjusting instruction. So teachers could have some freedom in identifying the purpose.	Yes=3; Somewhat=2; No=1	
Locate evidence Score	**3**	

	Earned	Possible
Standards Rating	2	3
Rigor Rating	2	3
SubTotal	4	6
Standards Alignment Percentage		66.7%
Scoring Guide Present	N/A	3
Rubric Aligned w/standards	N/A	3
Rubric/Scoring Coherent	N/A	3
Rubric/Scoring Alignment	N/A	3
Inter-rater reliability	N/A	3
Student work present	1	3
SubTotal	1	18
Scoring Percentage		5.6%
Clear & Uncluttered Presentation	3	3
Straight Forward Presentation	2	3
Free of Cultural or Unintended Bias	3	3
Academic Language Load	1	3
Adequate Accomodations Allowed	1	3
SubTotal	10	15
Fair & Unbiased Percentage		66.7%
Engagement	3	3
Reflects Classroom Learning	3	3
Reflects Learning Expectations/Outcomes	3	3
Communicates Academic Excellence	3	3
Competency on Standards Score	3	3
Locate evidence Score	3	3
SubTotal	18	18
Opportunities to Learn Percentage		100.0%
Grand Total	33	57
Overall Percentage		57.9%

This assessment is: Place an 'X' in the appropriate box

Fully Recommended	
Partially Recommended	x
Not Recommended	

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