



## Rubric for *Fahrenheit 451* Essay- IB Rubric

### Criterion A: Knowledge and Understanding- (20 points)

- Does the student have an interesting strong thesis?
- Is there evidence backing up his/ claims?
- Is there sufficient commentary explaining how he supports his/her claims?
- Does he make some sort of projection in the conclusion?

### Criterion B: Response to Question- (25 points)

- How well has the student supported his thesis with evidence (paraphrases and summaries)?
- Has he just identified the evidence in the story or has he/she made a thematic connection?
- Has he traced the use of the literary element throughout the story or has he just retold the story?
- Has he made the connection between what is going on in the book and Bradbury's commentary about life?
- Is the argument logical?
- Did the student use three quotes (five points per quote)

### Criterion C: Appreciation of the literary conventions (Symbolism, Setting, Characters) (20 points)

To what extent does the student identify and appreciate the use of literary conventions in relation to the question and the work being used?

- Is the correct terminology being used?
- Are the examples correct?
- Are there enough examples to make a case?

### Criterion D: Organization and development (20 points)

How well organized, coherent and developed in the presentation of ideas?

- Is the lead sentence interesting?
- Is the conclusion a simple restatement of the theme or is student insight evident?
- Is there an attempt at a projection?
- Is there a clincher sentence?

### Criterion E: Language (20 points)

How clear, varied and accurate is the language?

How appropriate is the choice of register, style and terminology? (Register refers to the student's use of elements such as vocabulary, tone, sentence structure, and terminology).

- Is the paragraphing appropriate or are the paragraphs too long?
- Is the grammar consistently accurate? Is everything spelled correctly?
- Is the student's style sophisticated in its own right with no use of clichés, elementary sentence structure and simple vocabulary?

### MLA Criterion: (20 points)

- Heading
- Page numbering and double spacing
- Internal citation