

ISASP Reading Grades 9-10 Practice Test Constructed Response Rubric

2 pts	<p>Explanation supported by the passage: “When the author says the light “was washing out the celestial spectacle above,” she means that the light made it impossible for Mariana to see the stars and moon. Since the backdoor light was brighter than the starlight and moonlight, it seemed to “wash out” the light from the sky.”</p> <p>Explanation supported by the passage: “Celestial spectacle above” refers to the night sky that Mariana was admiring. The spectacle refers to the beautiful stars and the moon. When the backdoor light is on, it’s “washing” out the light of the stars and the moon by overpowering them so they aren’t visible anymore.</p>
1 pt	<p>Explanation partially correct, but incomplete: This phrase means that when Vargas turned on the backdoor light, it was no longer dark in the backyard. This disturbed Mariana.</p> <p>Explanation captures intended meaning of the phrase, but does not reference details from the passage: When someone says something has been “washed out,” it means that it’s no longer visible. Something has caused it to fade from view.</p>
0 pts	<p>Explanation misinterprets the passage (e.g., incorrect figurative meaning or a literal interpretation): This means that Mariana forgot what she was thinking about because she got distracted by Cupcake. The thoughts were “washed from her mind,” so to speak.</p> <p>Explanation not supported by the passage: “Washing out the celestial spectacle” refers to how Mr. Vargas makes Mariana doubt her dreams.</p>

General Constructed Response Scoring Guidelines:

- Three to five sentences is considered an appropriate response length to adequately answer a constructed response. However, length does not count toward score. A response that satisfies the criteria for one or two points will earn that score, regardless of length.
- Spelling and grammar (including using complete sentences) do not count toward score. Responses, however, must be clear and understandable.
- Unless it contradicts the rest of the response, extraneous information will not reduce points earned.