Forum Participation Rubric

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| Criteria | Max. mark | Poor | Good | Exemplary |
|  |  | 50% to 73% | 74% to 89% | 90% to 100% |
| Knowledge of the subject matter | 2 | Original post displays only a minimal grasp of the concepts covered  Does not expand upon the central concepts. | Original post illustrates basic knowledge of the topic without applying or expanding idea. | Original post brings forth new or expanded ideas that reflect high-level critical thinking on the topic and demonstrate practical application. |
| Evidence of research | 2 | Original post lacks supporting research. | Original post uses research to support ideas, but fails to provide citations. | Original post applies research to support and extend ideas. Original post should be 200-300 words. Citations provided support posting. |
| Responses to others | 2 | Does not refer to the posting directly or simply agrees or disagrees without explanation or no response. | Supports or refutes the original posting **without** furthering the discussion through critical analysis. | Support or refute the original posting and furthers the discussion with critical analysis. Follow-up responses should be at least 100 words. References are optional. |
| Timeliness | 2 | Initial posting after Saturday **OR** response after Tuesday. | Initial posting completed by Sunday and response by Tuesday. | Initial posting completed by Saturday **AND** response posted by Monday to others. |
| Grammar, punctuation, spelling | 2 | Substantial errors with significant grammatical and structural problems. | Minimal errors. Sentence structure correct, but basic. | Absence of errors. Uses compound sentence structure. Clear that posts have been proofread and/or run through grammar and spell check. |