

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SCORING GUIDELINES FOR SCIENCE OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

- 2 – The response demonstrates a *thorough* understanding of the scientific content, concepts, and procedures required by the task(s).**

The response provides a clear, complete, and correct response as required by the task(s). The response may contain a minor blemish or omission in work or explanation that does not detract from demonstrating a *thorough* understanding.

- 1 – The response demonstrates a *partial* understanding of the scientific content, concepts, and procedures required by the task(s).**

The response is somewhat correct with *partial* understanding of the required scientific content, concepts, and/or procedures demonstrated and/or explained. The response may contain some work that is incomplete or unclear.

- 0 – The response provides *insufficient* evidence to demonstrate any understanding of the scientific content, concepts, and procedures as required by the task(s) for that grade level.**

The response may show only information copied or rephrased from the question or *insufficient* correct information to receive a score of 1.

Special categories within zero reported separately:

BLK (blank) – No response or written refusal to respond or too brief to determine response

OT – Off task/topic

LOE – Response in a language other than English

IL – Illegible