SAMPLE QUESTIONS FROM THE COOKE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP: 2007

Applicant: **Rater:**

ESSAY	Refer to Scoring Rubric	Failing	Needs Help	Borderline	Good	Superior
1. Select one:: (max 1500 characters • Select a piece of art, literature, music, or film written or created by someone other than yourself. Respond to it. • Discuss your artistic development and how it relates to your academic interests. Refer to an individual, an author, a book, or an aesthetic experience that was instrumental in your artistic development.	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					
2. Write about an experience that has changed your perspective on or your attitude toward a personal, social, or political issue. (max 1500 characters	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					
3. Select one: (max 1500 characters). • Studies over the last 20 years have shown that academic dishonesty is on the rise in academic institutions across the United States. What might explain this increase? Suggest remedies and cite evidence to support your position. • Briefly describe an important problem in contemporary American society. Discuss the conditions, changes, or events that have caused this problem. How would you solve this problem?	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					
Narrative autobiography (max 4000 characters). This statement should provide information not elicited elsewhere in the application, such as leadership roles, family, educational, philosophical, or other life experiences that have influenced your achievements and career decision. It should also include professional and civic activities that you consider important. The narrative should be concise,	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					

emphasizing those areas most important to your intellectual development.						

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5. Explain the reasons for your study and career choice. (max 250 words).	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					
6. Describe an experience in which you attempted to help, lead, or serve others but were unable to do so. Explain what you learned and/or would do differently. (max 250 words)	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					
7. Select one: (max 250 words) a. Discuss a piece of art, lit, music, film which you created or in which you have participated. Why is it meaningful to you? b. Discuss your appreciation for the arts…	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					
8. Write about an experience that has changed your perspective on or your attitude towards a personal, social, or political issue. (max 250 words)	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					
9. Select one: (max 800 words) a. Gender imbalance quote b. Cover story: 1/1/2020	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					
Narrative autobiography (max 850 words)	Thesis: Structure: Use of evidence: Analysis: Logic & argumentation: Mechanics:					