



**MEAP Fall 2010**  
**Grade 7 Informational Writing**  
**Scoring Guides for Ideas,**  
**Organization, Style,**  
**and Conventions**





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**ANCHOR PAPER 1**

Score Point: 0

This response mentions the topic of technology and communication, but it is written in the narrative genre and the ideas are not focused on informational writing.

Technology has effected every body with out technology life would not be as esiy. Thay use machines in a fatory before that thay had people when the. Machines moved in it made it esiyer because the people did not have to do it the. Machines made it a lot faster sowe we do not have to do it. Because without Machines life would be harder we need cars to get places. We need Phones to comunicat. Computer to operat technology. Electricity is very in portant prity much all technology is rined on electricity others are rined on gases, ois, coal and many others sowe without technology life would be harder you are probly useing electricity right now.

**ANCHOR PAPER 2****Score Point: 0**

This response addresses technology in general, but never addresses the effect technology has had on the way people communicate. Although phones and TVs are mentioned, there is no reference to their uses for communication.

People can communicate in many different ways. There are also many other effects that technology had on communication. Here are some reasons why.

First, if there are easier ways to communicate, than you don't have to go anywhere to communicate.

Second, this step is a giant leap in technology.

Last, these devices are easy to use.

This is the effects technology can have on communication.

**ANCHOR PAPER 3****Score Point: 0**

Technology and communication are both mentioned, but there are no ideas focused on the effect of technology on communication.

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**ANCHOR PAPER 4****Score Point: 1**

Ideas in this response are minimally focused on the effect technology has had on communication (easier) with only a limited detail (don't have to go anywhere to communicate).

Technology has effected the way people communicating by having new inventions. People had car phones and the old home phones but they used them only for emergencies. Now people text and call wherever they want for whatever reasons. Also people a long time ago that didn't have phones they sent letters. Now people mainly use phones. They also communicate. bluetooth, and when you call someone the come up on a screen. There are a lot of news to communicate with people now.

**ANCHOR PAPER 5****Score Point: 1**

This response is an undeveloped list of technological devices that have helped people to communicate (voiceboxes, phones, e-mail, facebook, video games) with only limited examples.

Technology has advanced the way people communicate in many ways. Like the regular house phone it can receive many calls from anywhere in the world. There is also the cell-phone, it is the mobile phone you can take anywhere and can still receive many calls. People can just chat, talk business or just send texts, and e-mails etc. which brings me to my next topic, laptops. This isn't just the regular computer you just use at home. It is a computer you can take anywhere, like the cell phone. It has e-mail, chat, and webcams. People can use this technology anywhere, at any time. As you know, video games can also be used to communicate. Online computer games, and online video games, all have improved the way people talk to each other today.

**ANCHOR PAPER 6****Score Point: 2**

This brief response is somewhat focused on new ways to communicate before and after phones. Some details and examples before phones (without phones sent letters; phones used only for emergencies) are presented with some examples after phones (call whenever and wherever they want; images of people called come up on screen).

I believe that technology has made it easier to talk and connect with each other. There are many technologies such as texting, instant messaging, and social networking sites that help us connect. Texting is good because it can be done anywhere at anytime. Also it gets to the reciever almost instantly. Instant messaging, also known as IMing, is great because you can talk to many people at time in a conference or just chat with a friend in a "chat" room. Social networking sites such as facebook, myspace, twitter and many others, are nice because you can talk to your friends and coordinate events and things like that. I know that most of my family is on facebook and we use it to plan things like our family reunions. Plus, it's just a good way to keep in touch and chat with each other. From this evidence I think that technology such as cell phones, and the internet have made it easier to talk with family and friends,

**ANCHOR PAPER 7****Score Point: 2**

Ideas are somewhat focused on advanced ways people communicate with some details about each (house phones - receive calls from anywhere; cell phones - can be taken anywhere; laptops - chat rooms, webcams, email can be used anywhere).

Technology has had a big effect on the way people communicate. Some of them are people communicate faster. People from far and near stay in touch and it has given the ability to show how someone looks.

Before emails and phones and chatrooms, if someone wanted to share some information with another person far away, they would have to send a letter. They would have no clue to when the letter would reach or weather or not it will reach safely. However, now due to technology we can call people, text them or even email them. It's fast and effective.

Technology also helped friends and families stay in touch. When you have away from someone, you might want to know how they are. That is possible with technology.

You don't necessarily have to be far from someone to want to stay in touch with them. You can also be close and communicate. Like if you want to throw a party or some

gathering with friends that live two or three blocks away, you won't have to keep on going to someones house or a place that you can meet, all you have to do is call text or email or communicate with other ways of technology.

If you live away from someone you love, you would want to see them or they would want to see how the other person's looks have changed over a period of time which is possible through web chatting

All in all technology has a great effect on all peoples lives and the way they communicate. These were just some examples.

**ANCHOR PAPER 8****Score Point: 3**

This response is clearly focused on one effect technology has had (connecting is easier) and then develops texting, instant messaging, and social networking sites as examples with clear details that relate to the effect of easier communication with technology.

Today's technology has impacted the way we communicate in many ways. Some ways it has helped us, in other ways it has made us sloppy. Cell phones have many ways you could use a cell phone, but the worst way you could use a cell phone would be to text.

Texting seems to make life so much easier, but it doesn't. Texting has made people sloppy by using part of words like, u instead of you or r instead of are. Using slang in texting has also made us sloppy. It also affects our speech.

You probably think texting is a good thing and it is a quick way to communicate. Some people however take that point to the extreme. Kids sometimes text their friends more than they talk to them. Parents text kids when it is time for dinner instead of just walking upstairs and telling them. Texting has made us sloppy.

People should talk more then they text.  
You don't need to use part of words and  
slang. Texting has impacted our communication  
in a very, VERY, bad way.

**ANCHOR PAPER 9**

**Score Point: 3**

This response thoroughly develops several examples of effects of technology on communication (people communicate faster; people far and near stay in touch) with relevant and specific details about each.

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people communicate on the internet but technology has been effected by different websites lik Myspace and facebook and many more.

**ANCHOR PAPER 1**

**Score Point: 0**

No organization is evident in this brief, single sentence response.

People communicate with a lot of people and a lot of them color, size, shape, there are some people who have different size, shape and color from their bodies. People from all around the world can communicate with others and even if there are different languages and other there are a lot of people from around the world and lots of them say a lot of different languages and some of the people communicate in other languages and lots of other people are different from sizes.

**ANCHOR PAPER 2****Score Point: 0**

No organization is evident in this response as it rambles from one idea to another (people have different sizes, shapes, colors; people communicate with others; there are a lot of people around the world). The response ends by returning to the idea that people are different sizes. Lack of any plan or structure interferes with the point the writer may be trying to make.

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Sentences in this response (with the exception of the last sentence) could be rearranged in any order. There is a weak attempt to organize with words (also, in conclusion) that do not help to provide a logical progression of ideas.

People do not realize how hard it would be to communicate without Technology. What would you call the Police with a tin can tied to a String. We Communicate by the internet what would you do without that. You use it to communicate by email and instant Messaging. I think technology has left every one weak, we depend on it way to much. You need your cell phone every where you go! Some people have a requirement for internet just so they can work. Most people are taking college online too. The world is so different now that we depend on one thing to keep our life in check. Its not very healthy for us either what if technology dissapered we would be very deffenseless. Some people just

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need it.

**ANCHOR PAPER 4**

**Score Point: 1**

This longer response jumps from one idea to the next (communicate by internet; becoming weak from technology; cell phones are everywhere; online college courses; technology is not healthy; people are defenseless without technology). Organization and connections between ideas are weak.

By communicating we use many things, but almost every time it is with a phone. But the phones cause us to get farther apart with everyone you know, it can be good or bad. A good effect is that you can communicate with people around the world without going there personally. A bad effect would be that if there's a powerout in an electricity factory a big part of the land in which you are in would be without electricity. You see our technology makes communicating easy, but it is also risky.

**ANCHOR PAPER 5****Score Point: 2**

This response shows some organization by grouping the good effects of the telephone (can communicate with people around the world) and contrasting them with the bad effects of communicating by telephone (could lose electrical power). A brief introduction and conclusion help the logical progression of ideas.

As technology devoped, people found better ways to communicate with one another. Technology effected the way we communicate by letting us deliver letters faster, talk to people anywhere in the world, ect... By delivering letters faster we were able to know what people are doing and how they are. For example, we put letters on planes to get them to England or wherever. When we didn't have planes that ship mail, we would have to put them on a long boat ride.

Technology helped us communicate better by phone and email. Phone and e-mail "replaced" letters because phones, you talk to the person "live" and e-mails are messages sent electronically, therefore they get there faster.

This is how technology helped us communicate.

**ANCHOR PAPER 6****Score Point: 2**

Ideas progress logically in this response with an idea mentioned in one sentence and then a reference back to that idea in the next sentence (by delivering letters; when we didn't have planes; therefore they get there faster). A brief introduction and conclusion are present.

Technology has made a big effect on the way people communicate. There are good effects and there are bad effects. One huge effect is it's so easy to call people these days. You just dial a number and in thirty seconds, you're on the phone with them. Technology has improved so much over the past years. Now it is so easy to communicate with other people.

First of all, one bad thing in technology is texting. People text while eating, walking, talking, and even driving. That is very bad and texting becomes an addiction after you start. It is also very unsafe to text while driving, so many people have got into car crashes because of texting. Some people have even died.

Next, there is a feature on the Wii where you can send emails to other Wii's. How cool is that? It's great to have features like that because then you

can send emails to your friends without even going on the computer.

Finally, you can communicate with people on the computer through email, chat rooms and other websites. It is so easy to get into those websites and chat with your friends. There are also little indicators that tell you if your friends are online or not.

In conclusion, I feel technology has made a big impact on the way we live today and has made life a lot easier.

**ANCHOR PAPER 7****Score Point: 2**

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**ANCHOR PAPER 8****Score Point: 3**

This shorter response is clearly organized throughout the essay around the theme of technology making it easier and more convenient to connect with others and develop a social network. Three examples are given in a "roadmap" in the introduction (texting, instant messaging, social network sites) and then follow with details that are clearly and logically connected back to the overall theme of the essay. A conclusion summarizes how talking with family and friends has been made easier by technology.

People communicate in many different ways. Some ways that most people communicate by are phones, computers, & TV's. People talk & text on phones. People read & talk online on computers. People get news on the TV. These are three main ways that people communicate by.

Phones are great uses of communication. People can call someone if they have an emergency or they just want to talk. They can also text someone if they just want to ask → a question or something. With some phones, you can get a walkie-talkie. With that, you can just ask someone a quick question without having to type it.

Computers are another great form of communication. With a computer, you can IM, send messages, & so much more. Let's say that you need help on your homework so you want to call someone. Let's also say that your phone

is out of battery. What would you do? You would just go on your computer & IM or message someone. Computers in my opinion are much better than a phone. There's just one more thing that is a great way to communicate, a TV.

A TV is a great way to spread news quickly. Instead of putting news on a computer, putting it on a TV will spread it 10 times faster. A TV is also a great way to spread knowledge. People can learn a lot from others on TV. For example, let's say someone wants to start eating healthy. All they have to do is go to the health channel & learn how to eat healthy & exercise.

In conclusion, there are many great forms of communication. Three things that I thought were good sources of communication were a phone, a computer, & a TV. With a phone, you can call or text someone at any time & any where. With a computer, you can look at current news & events in your local area or anywhere else. With a TV, you can watch the news & a lot of other stuff. Altogether, our world has a lot of great ways to communicate with others.

ANCHOR PAPER 9

Score Point: 3

This longer response provides an introduction citing the main ways that people communicate (phones, computers, TV's). Each paragraph proceeds logically with clear connections and is cohesive. Clear connections between ideas mentioned in one paragraph are transitioned effectively to the next paragraph (computers are better than phones; instead of putting news on a computer). An effective conclusion summarizes the content appropriately.

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world and lots of then say alot of different  
languages and some of the people cummunicate  
in other language and lots of other people  
are different from sizes.

**ANCHOR PAPER 1****Score Point: 0**

This response uses ineffective language for the writer's purpose and audience.

Technology has been finding more and more ways to communicate. more recent communication devices can effect other peoples relationship. telephons and a cell phone can effect people postivly and negative emails are another, those can talk to people I belive the best way to communicate is to talk is classic and it saves money. Its also easy to talk to someone privately. Modern people use cell phones to text. Texting is a privat Meethod so you can tell Sombady a Secret and no one will know.

Modern technology has really done good to peoples relationships with friends and relatives

**ANCHOR PAPER 2****Score Point: 1**

Sentences in this response are short and choppy showing little sentence variety. There is limited use of language including nonspecific vocabulary and lack of voice which hinders the effectiveness of the writer's purpose.

Technology made us learn things about the world, technology show us how to do things in life, technology can get us where we need to go. It can help us but some people use it for the wrong thing, technology shows us what we could do to make the world better like helping us get to where we need to go. If it wasn't for the person how invented the t.v.s or other stuff we wouldn't be where we are now.

Some people cause technology to be use bad. Some people don't see how technology is useful some people just don't care about technology, like long ago my mom + my antie was talking on there phones a they seen somebody throwing there phone on the ground smashing it in to millions of pieces. It effect technology by setting a bad example of how people should use there stuff.

**ANCHOR PAPER 3****Score Point: 1**

Most of the sentences in this response begin with the same words (technology, some people) limiting the sentence variety. Nonspecific vocabulary (stuff) also hinders the effectiveness of this response.

Human communication has been highly effected by technology insted of sending a letter you can text. If you want to talk to some one you can call them It isn't completly good for the oz on layer and we should yous less gasilen. But scientecs are working on problems like that. I read in a boys life that there are solar powered cars being sold in vafese country. Now we have tv, I pods, and were working on more effen fistent ways to yous them!

**ANCHOR PAPER 4****Score Point: 2**

This response (after correcting conventions) has a variety of short and long sentences as well as complex and compound sentences. Accurate word choice (ozone layer, efficient) also contributes to the adequate command of language.

There are many ways that technology has had an effect on the way people communicate. Such as instant messaging (IM), instant messaging is a great effect on how people communicate because if you were an doctor and one of your nurses were sick and could not come in to work, and they sent you an instant message. That give you some time to find a substitute for that person. Technology such as cell phones, have become a big way how people communicate. For example if you where away from home and you were driving to the store, and someone got hurt, and were laying on the side of the road you could just call 911 Emergency on your cell phone. You see people use technology to communicate everyday, some people use technology to communicate and don't realize it. Police officers use radio scanners to communicate with each other everyday. Fire fighters use walkie talkies in order to communicate in fires, cave-in's and alot more ways. Tchonology is a

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**ANCHOR PAPER 5**

**Score Point: 2**

Sentences in this longer response vary in length as well as structure showing an adequate command of language that is effective for the writer's purpose.

"WOW! My first computer," this is what most of you said. Most you also said "sweet, I got a cellphone," as you can already tell I'm going to talk about how technology effect the way we communicate.

Computers have really changed the way we communicate. When we get on our computers we wonder "who am I going to talk to today?" The way most people communicate is by email and group chatting. A lot of people have like a Yahoo or AOL or something that you can email. With group chatting (which is more common on games) you can talk to just about anyone over the world.

Cell phones are the biggest advancement because its like a mini computer. I say that because you can text anyone around the world or even call them. I knew that a lot of people texting drive or talk and drive which is the worst thing about them but then again we don't have to go all the way to like Texas to talk to our families.

Know go ahead and tell me what you think, Because I told you about computers and cell phones. Now the next time you go to text and drive or talk and drive I hope you will remember what I said.

**ANCHOR PAPER 6**

**Score Point: 3**

Voice is used in this response (“WOW! My first computer”; “Sweet, I got my first cell phone”) which helps the writer connect to the audience. Varied sentence structure also enhances the effectiveness of the writer's purpose.

The effect of which technology has had on communication is very dramatic. thousands of years ago people started to communicate with hand signals then, we devised a spoken language which soon after turned into a written language. Since people migrated to different places (probably for food, Resources, ect) they developed different ways to say the same thing and that led to another language. Then other people migrated away and so on. Finally, today we have thousands upon billions of languages (a lot of which are unknown). Now, back to how technology has effected our communication. Probably the first technology that had a dramatic effect on communication was the Telegraph which could transmit a morsecode over long distances. This help the discovery of telaphones which defanently helped where there is an emergency. Before, say you had a heart atack, And no one lives with you, NONE will come to help you till they wonder were you've been. By the time that happens it will probably be to late. Another impact technology has had on communication is the preserving of information. I'm sure you've heard an old tale or a family story, usually it used to have truth but, through the years people have changed it or added parts in were they can't remember. If not for books you might not even be able to hear an original of anything, or learn a fact, or get a new perspective on life. Basicly without languag there would be no ideas and sine theres no ideas Heres no tech nology, which means if there's more tech nology, theres more ideas wich is made possable only by our ability to communicate them (language).

**ANCHOR PAPER 7**

**Score Point: 3**

Precise word choice (devised, migrated, transmit) enhances the clarity of this response. Varied sentence structure adds to fluency. Voice (say you had a heart attack) helps the writer connect to the audience. Excellent command of language is evident.

Anchor Paper 1	
Ideas	0
Organization	0
Style	0
Conventions	1

Anchor Paper 6	
Ideas	3
Organization	2
Style	3
Conventions	3

Anchor Paper 2	
Ideas	1
Organization	1
Style	1
Conventions	2

Anchor Paper 7	
Ideas	2
Organization	2
Style	3
Conventions	2

Anchor Paper 3	
Ideas	0
Organization	2
Style	1
Conventions	2

Anchor Paper 4	
Ideas	1
Organization	1
Style	2
Conventions	1

Anchor Paper 5	
Ideas	3
Organization	3
Style	2
Conventions	2



**MEAP Fall 2010**  
**Grade 7 Informational Writing**  
**Conventions Scoring Guide**



## INFORMATIONAL WRITING

### DIRECTIONS:

In this part, you will be asked to write an informational response about cause-and-effect relationships. It is important to remember that the **cause** is the reason and the **effect** is the result. Sometimes there can be several effects. Your audience will be interested adults.

You must write your response on the lines in Day , Part of your **Answer Document** with a No. 2 pencil. If you erase, be sure to erase completely. You may underline, highlight or write in this booklet to help you, but nothing in this test booklet will be scored. No additional paper may be used.

The Notes/Planning space may be used for planning and organizing your ideas. You may use the checklist on the next page to help you with your response.

You may **NOT** use any resource materials (such as dictionaries, grammar books, or spelling books) for this test.

Once you have reached the word **STOP** in your test booklet, do **NOT** go on to the next page. If you finish early, you may go back and check your work in Part of the test **ONLY**. Do **NOT** look at any other part of the test.

Turn the page and follow along as I read the prompt and checklist to you.

## WRITING TO SHOW CAUSE-AND-EFFECT RELATIONSHIPS

People communicate in a number of different ways. What effect has technology had on the way people communicate?

### CHECKLIST

**DIRECTIONS:** Use this checklist after you have completed your response to revise and edit your writing.

- Did I stay focused on the topic and the task?
- Did I develop my ideas with details and examples?
- Did I use logical order so my writing makes sense?
- Did I use a variety of words, phrases, and sentences?
- Did I spell, capitalize, and punctuate correctly?

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Analytic Rubric  
Informational Writing  
Grades 4 and 7**

	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Ideas (points doubled)</b>	Ideas are not focused on the task and/or are undeveloped.	Ideas are minimally focused on the task with limited details and examples.	Ideas are somewhat focused on the task and are developed with some details and examples.	Ideas are clearly focused on the task and are thoroughly developed with relevant details and examples.
<b>Organization</b>	No organization evident.	Organization and connections between ideas are weak.	Organization and connections between ideas are logical.	Organization and connections between ideas are clear, logical and appropriate for the context.
<b>Style</b>	Ineffective use of language for the writer's purpose and audience.	Limited use of language, including lack of variety in word choice and sentences, may hinder the effectiveness of the writer's purpose and audience.	Adequate command of language, including accurate word choice and clear sentences, is effective for the writer's purpose and audience.	Command of language, including precise word choice and varied sentence structure, is highly effective for the writer's purpose and audience.
<b>Conventions</b>	Ineffective use of conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.	Limited use of conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation for the grade level.	Adequate use of conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation for the grade level.	Consistent, appropriate use of conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation for the grade level.

Any condition code will result in a score of 0 for all traits:

- A Off-topic
- B Illegible or written in a language other than English
- C Blank
- D Insufficient to rate

\* Standard English is the form of English most widely accepted for writing in schools.

They've made hand signs for people who can't hear. Like cheerleaders when they use there body to spell word and shout. Or they can get a hearing aid like elders do. But there just like headphone you use talk to people. For people who can't see can't read sure you can listen to the tape but not book have tapes so made a special book they use instead of word they pock dots in papers they read with there fingers or hands. People who can't talk out they can use a vocal mike just mouth word and you can talk.

**ANCHOR PAPER 1****Score Point: 1**

Limited use of conventions including numerous sentence level errors in fragments, run-ons, and omitted words interfere with understanding. Subject-verb agreement errors (book have tapes) and incorrect word endings (just like headphone) are also evident throughout this response.

The relationship with technology and people is today people can't live without technology because today people need to stay in touch with each other like a business man they can't do any business without their blackberry and laptops if there is no phone reception they could email it to their boss and with any technology there wouldn't be any YouTube, Facebook and so much more. If we didn't have technology NASA wouldn't put the 1st man on the moon Neil Armstrong that is why we can't live without any technology.

**ANCHOR PAPER 2****Score Point: 1**

Limited use of conventions in correct sentence formation is evident throughout this response. The lack of punctuation results in one long run-on sentence. Spelling is mostly correct with a few minor errors.

I think technology has influenced us in many different ways. one way is we can call people when ever we want. another way is email we can talk to people any time. we also have instant messaging well it kinda says it by its self. but the point is we have so maeny different ways than we did befor.

Some of the things they had brack then. one was letters and mail. we still have that but we dont use it as much. anothere thing was mores code. it was in the early days

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way thats how i feel

**ANCHOR PAPER 3**

**Score Point: 1**

This longer response has noticeable capitalization errors at the beginning of most sentences, in addition to other sentence level errors. Limited use of correct spelling (whant, taulk, befor) for the grade level is evident.

Technology has had a great affect on how people communicate today by making communication easier, and faster. An important effect that techology has had is faster communication this makes things easier to do in a short amount of time. It can also just be for fun like talking to your friends faster. So technology has made the way we communicate sometimes funner, faster, and easier.

**ANCHOR PAPER 4****Score Point: 2**

There is only one sentence level error in this brief response balanced by other examples of correct sentence formation. A spelling error (somtime) and usage error (funner) occur, but overall there is adequate use of conventions for the grade level.

People communicate in so many different ways. Technology has effected this extremely. Before computers and phones, most people just walked to the person they needed to talk to if they lived to far away then that person wouldn't get information from you. But, now adays we have computures and phones. Cellphones and house phones have impacted todays life because you can be half way around the world from somebody else, yet you can still talk to them. Also there is computures. You can use computures for email or aimp. E-mail is great because if you have an email adress you can talk to relatives or old friends. A.I.M.'s are like Email except quicker and that person needs to be online. Most people don't see how fourtunat and lucky we are, for our communication to evolve like this.

**ANCHOR PAPER 5****Score Point: 2**

There is adequate use of conventions in this response with some errors in syntax, grammar (there is computeres), and spelling (adress, fortunat) that do not interfere with understanding.

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**ANCHOR PAPER 6**

**Score Point: 2**

This longer response shows an overall adequate control of conventions with some sentence fragments but otherwise correct sentence formation. A variety of grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors are present but do not interfere with understanding.

Technology has helped people to communicate by texting, cell phones, email, and laptops. An effect is that back then there was only wired phones and computers, now they are wireless. One bad effect is people are addicted to this stuff. People also use handhelds to communicate like a PSP or a Nintendo DS. People used to do written letters, but now there are computers.

**ANCHOR PAPER 7****Score Point: 3**

This short response demonstrates control of conventions and correctly uses commas in a series and a comma before the conjunction in a compound sentence. A minor spelling and punctuation error do not detract from the consistent and appropriate use of conventions.

Technology has changed over the years. It's a lot easier to communicate today than a few years ago.

Now if you want <sup>to</sup> send a letter you can just email it. A few years ago you had to mail it.

If you wanted to get a hold of someone you would have to wait until they were at a place that had a landline. Now you can get a hold of them if there not in place with a landline.

There is some positive and negative things about technology today. It's easier to communicate but not as many are holding face to face communication.

**ANCHOR PAPER 8****Score Point: 3**

Sentence construction is consistently correct in this response with only a few minor errors in punctuation and spelling (then/than, there/they're). Consistent and appropriate use of conventions is evident in this response.

Technology has effected the ways we communicate in many diferent ways. Along time ago all we had was leters. So people wrote each other, When the leter finally reached the other person the response would take days to get back to the sender. This cycle would go on and on. This is the cause of the phone, cell phone, and email being built. The efect of this technology being built was that now if you call someone it only takes a matter of seconds for them to pick up. Although email might take a day or two its still alot faster then leters. For example all the wars we've had back in the day of course. Think of how much easier it would have been for them to call each other instead of write notes and wait for a reply. So the cause of the technology being created was we couldn't talk to people in far-away places unless you sent a leter and waited

a while for a reply. The efect of this technology being built was that now we can talk to each other in a mater of seconds. This is how technology has efected communication.

**ANCHOR PAPER 9**

**Score Point: 3**

The minor spelling errors in this longer response do not detract from the demonstrated control of correct sentence formation, grammar, usage, spelling, and punctuation.

Anchor Paper 1	
Ideas	2
Organization	2
Style	1
Conventions	1

Anchor Paper 6	
Ideas	3
Organization	3
Style	2
Conventions	2

Anchor Paper 2	
Ideas	2
Organization	2
Style	2
Conventions	1

Anchor Paper 7	
Ideas	2
Organization	1
Style	2
Conventions	3

Anchor Paper 3	
Ideas	1
Organization	2
Style	2
Conventions	1

Anchor Paper 8	
Ideas	2
Organization	2
Style	2
Conventions	3

Anchor Paper 4	
Ideas	1
Organization	1
Style	1
Conventions	2

Anchor Paper 9	
Ideas	2
Organization	3
Style	2
Conventions	3

Anchor Paper 5	
Ideas	2
Organization	2
Style	2
Conventions	2