

Scoring open-ended questions manually

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Open-ended questions are questions that allow someone to give a free-form answer in an essay type question. Closed-ended questions can be answered with "Yes" or "No," or they have a limited set of possible answers (such as: A, B, C, D or multiple answer choices).

An open-ended question is designed to encourage a full, meaningful answer using the subject's own knowledge to the question. It is the opposite of a *closed-ended question*, which encourages a short or single-word answer. Open-ended questions also tend to be more objective and less leading than closed-ended questions.

BrainCert supports "Free text" and "Essay type" open-ended question types. See this [KB note](#) to learn more.



Essay question type is not graded automatically. The final test score will be adjusted after instructor finish grading essay questions manually.

To grade a test with essay question type, go to test report. Use "Grade" option to review questions and score open-ended questions.



Navigate to the question with the "Not graded" status, and set question points and save the score. The question points is shown based on the weight set when creating questions. For example, in adaptive tests, if you set a question difficulty level as "3", then there will be max 0-3 shown in the question points dropdown below.



Open-Ended Question Scoring Rubric

- **Point 5** - A thorough understanding of the task, reflects a strong understanding of the relevant knowledge and skills, completes all requirements, and provides an insightful explanation or opinion of the text, or extends aspects of the text.
- **Point 4** - Clearly demonstrates an understanding of the task, completes all requirements, and provides an insightful explanation or opinion of the text, or extends aspects of the text.
- **Point 3** - **Demonstrates an understanding of the task, completes all requirements, and provides some explanation or opinion using situations or ideas from the text as support.**
- **Point 2** - **May address all of the requirements, but demonstrates only a partial understanding of the task and uses text incorrectly or with limited success resulting in an inconsistent or flawed explanation.**
- **Point 1** - **Demonstrates minimal understanding of the task, does not complete all requirements, and provides only a vague reference to, or no use of, the text.**
- **Point 0** - **Is completely irrelevant or off-topic.**

Question Feedback

Use "Question feedback" option to share your feedback with the student.

