Comments Legend for Papers

Look for numbers and letters that are circled or have a # symbol and translate them using the legend below.

- This needs improvement

__________________ Good work

Lettered Marks (things you did well):

A. Good analysis/well thought out discussion
AS. Excellent audience sensitivity
C. Clear presentation of ideas
CA. Good counter-argument
CS. Concisely/succinctly stated
D. Excellent detail/support
E. Good clarification/explanation of a detail
EW. Excellent word choice

G. Generally good work
I. Interesting/clever/insightful point
L. Language is artful
M. Effective metaphor or analogy
O. Effective/strategic organization of ideas
OV. Excellent awareness of opposing views
S. Excellent use of an external source
WC. Well constructed/well made argument

Numbered Marks (things to work on):

1. Please expand/explain/go into more depth here
2. This requires a clearer connection to the idea you’re supporting
3. Is this relevant to the current idea/discussion? If so, explain; if not, delete it
4. Please tie this idea to the thesis or prompt
5. Provide an example/support
6. Provide/cite a source for this idea
7. Is this necessary to state/include?
8. What are you intending to say here?
9. Stay focused on the point you are making (or briefly refer to an idea you’ll discuss later)
10. This word/idea/statement is repetitive/has already been stated; if it’s different, clarify how
11. What is the main idea/focus of this ¶?
12. Unclear organization
13. The idea here should be associated with another main idea or subpoint
14. Separate your points/subordinate subpoints
15. The flow between ideas needs work
16. Be sensitive to your audience—be careful not to offend them, try to reach out to all sides
17. Avoid verbal clutter (strive to be straightforward)
18. Is there a more effective word to use here?
19. Define your terminology
20. Avoid slang (unless using it strategically)
21. This is a sentence fragment/incomplete sentence
22. This is a run-on sentence
23. Maintain verb tense (don’t mix present tense with the past tense, for example)
24. This needs a correction in spelling, grammar, or punctuation
25. Avoid summarizing, provide only what’s necessary
26. Please paraphrase; if you wish to use direct quotes, do so sparingly and use quotation marks
27. This does not meet the requirements for this component of the assignment (see directions)
28. Be sure to use proper formatting (line spacing, font, size, margins, etc.)
29. Try using MS Word’s automatic formatting here
30/¶/”Para”: Start a new paragraph here (or if “No ¶” or an X’ed ¶, then this should not be a new paragraph)
^: Insert word(s) here (this may include an introduction, transition, or concluding sentence)

AWK: Awkward phrasing and/or incorrect grammar
POV: This means “point of view,” usually “who’s POV?” or as a reminder to watch for bias