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Major and Minor Errors Checklist

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
MAJOR ERRORS								
1 *Major Sentence Level Errors*								
a. Run-on (or fused sentence)								
b. Major comma error								
c. Fragment								
d. Parallelism								
2 *Verb Problems*								
a. Subject-verb agreement								
b. Improper verb form								
c. Shift in verb tense								
3 *Pronoun Errors*								
a. Pronoun-antecedent agreement								
b. Vague pronoun reference								
c. Pronoun Case								
d. Pronoun shift								
4 *Faulty Modifiers*								
a. Dangling modifiers								
b. Misplaced modifiers								
c. Adverb form								
5 *Word Errors*								
a. Misspelled word								
b. Wrong word								
c. Missing word								
d. Sound-alike								
MINOR ERRORS (3 minor errors count as 1 major error)								
Punctuation Problems								
6 Unnecessary punctuation								
7 Apostrophe								
a. contraction								
b. possessive								

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	MINOR ERRORS CONTINUED								
8	Minor comma errors								
	a. commas needed before the coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence								
	b. commas needed after introductory words, phrases, and clauses								
	c. commas needed to set off non-restrictive elements								
	d. commas needed between items in a series								
	e. comma needed between coordinate adjectives								
	f. commas used for convention (numbers, dates, addresses, place names, direct addresses								
	g. commas for contrast								
9	End punctuation								
10	Semicolon								
11	Capitalization								
12	Quotation Marks								
13	Parentheses								
14	Brackets								
15	Dash								
16	Hyphen								
17	Italics/Underlining								
18	Ellipsis								
19	Slash								
20	Colon								
21	Numbers								
22	***Appropriate documentation used correctly***								
	a. Internal parenthetical documentation								
	b. Complete resource information noted at end of paper								
23	***ESL Concerns***								
	a. Prepositions								
	b. Articles								
	c. Order of words in a sentence								
	d. Singulars and plurals in nouns								
	e. Gerunds, infinitives used appropriately								
	f. Modal auxilary verbs used correctly								