

INTRODUCTION AND EXPLANATIONS

I must start off with a disclaimer. This analysis is primarily based on the utilization of automated scripts to calculate words, word counts and other information. While these calculations are deemed reliable, no representation is being made as to the accuracy of the calculations. Accordingly, keep in mind that there can be instances where the words or word counts are not accurate. All words are converted to lower-case for comparison purposes. In addition, I do not correct typos in essays - if a word is mis-spelled, it will be reported that way. This can sometimes result in odd results. The analysis compares both laptop (typed) essays and handwritten essays (transcribed). At the moment, there are no distinctions made between typed and handwritten essays - at some point in the future I may make such distinctions if the analysis warrants it. Please also keep in mind that the conversion of PDF essays to text and the transcription of the written essays may result in some words to be improperly reported or misspelled.

For each Essay/MPT, there is a one page graph, a one page statistics chart, and a two page written explanation. Although this analysis is lengthy, you should read the entire analysis and review the graphs and charts. By studying this information, you can pinpoint problems with your Essays/MPT. More detailed information on the graphs and charts is in the Chart and Statistics explanations below.

On the charts and graphs, the Flesch Reading Ease test and the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level test are designed to indicate comprehension difficulty when reading a passage of contemporary academic English. On the Flesch Reading Ease test, lower scores indicate material that is more difficult to read. Reader's Digest magazine has a readability index of about 65, Time magazine scores about 52, an average year 7 student's (eleven years old) written assignment has a readability test of 60-70 (and a reading grade level of 6-7) and the Harvard Law Review has a general readability score in the low 30s.

The Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level test reports the number of years of education generally required to understand this text. For example, a score of 8.2 would indicate that the text is expected to be understandable by an average student in 8th grade (usually around ages 13-14 in the United States of America). A score of 12 would indicate that the text is expected to be understandable by an average student in the 12th grade (senior year of High School - usually around ages 17-18 in the United States of America)

Generally, the graphs and statistics are based on Essays/MPTs of the 34 examinees who failed the February 2012 New York bar examination and submitted their Essays/MPTs to me. The examinee answer comparisons do not include the released above average essays since I have no scores for these released above-average answers. However, in certain instances, some graphs and statistics compare your Essay/MPT statistics to the released above-average answers. Please keep in mind that the smaller the essay sample, the decreased statistical significance of these graphs and charts.

The 'Essay to Question vs Score' graph shows what percentage of words from each examinee's essay that appeared in the Essay Question versus the score received. The purpose of this graph is to determine whether there is a trend or relationship between scores and the amount of words an examinee uses in an essay answer that are also in the Question. The lower the Percentage of Essay to Word, the less an examinee matched the facts in the Question to the examinee's answer. More detailed information on this is in the Chart and Statistics explanations below.

The 'Grade Level vs Score' graph shows the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level from each examinee's essay versus the score received. The purpose of this graph is to determine whether there is a trend or relationship between scores and the calculated Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level of each examinee's essay answer. Keep in mind that this graph only compares the essays submitted to me - the released above average answers are not included in this analysis.

The 'Essay to Answer 1 vs Score' graph shows what percentage of words from each examinee's essay that appeared in the first released above average essay answer versus the score received. This analysis does not examine the quality of the content, merely the content itself. However, logic would suggest that examinees who used more of the same words as the released above average answers would generally have a higher score since using more of the same words indicates the examinee covered more of the same issues as the released above average answers. The purpose of this graph is to determine whether there is a trend or relationship between scores and the amount of words an examinee uses in an essay answer that are also in first above average essay answer.

The 'Essay to Answer 2 vs Score' graph shows what percentage of words from each examinee's essay that appeared in the second released above average essay answer versus the score received. The purpose of this graph is to determine whether there is a trend or relationship between scores and the amount of words an examinee uses in an essay answer that are also in second above average essay answer. Logic would suggest that this trend should be similar to the 'Essay to Answer 1 vs Score' trend.

The 'IRAC Intro Sentences vs Score' graph shows the IRAC introduction by sentence percentage from each examinee's essay versus the score received. The IRAC Introduction percentage is calculated by determining how many sentences in an essay started with an IRAC Introduction and then comparing this to the number of overall sentences in the essay. For example, if half of an examinee's sentences started with one of the 35 below IRAC Intros, the IRAC Intro Sentence percentage would be 50%. The purpose of this graph is to determine whether there is a trend or relationship between the percentage of IRAC Intros used in an essay answer and the examinee's essay score. Keep in mind that the released above average answers are not included in this analysis.

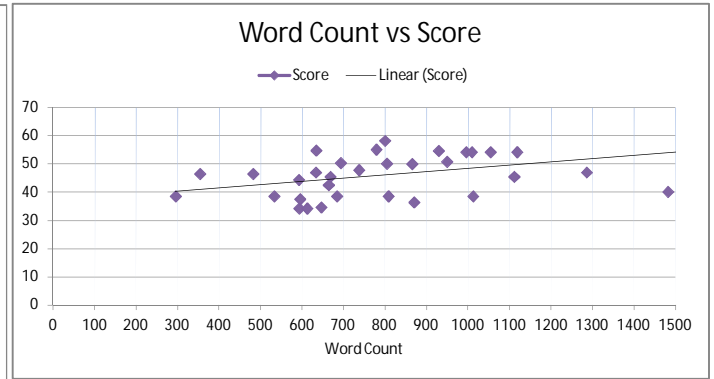
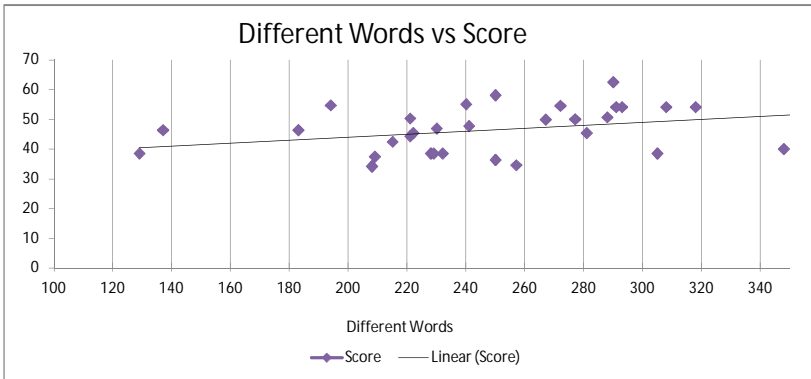
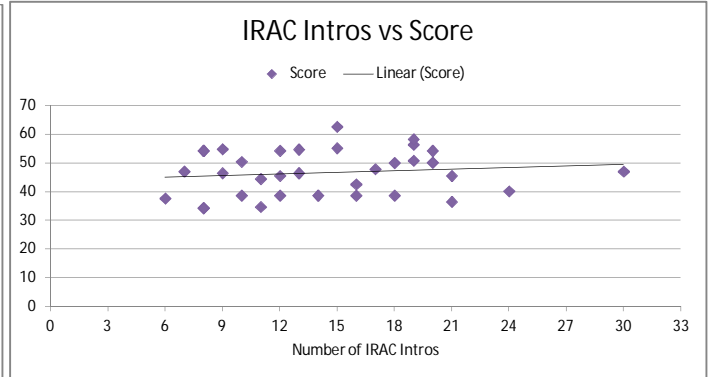
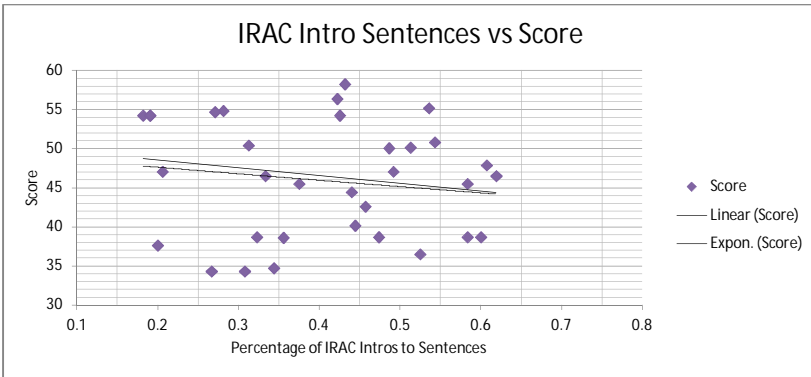
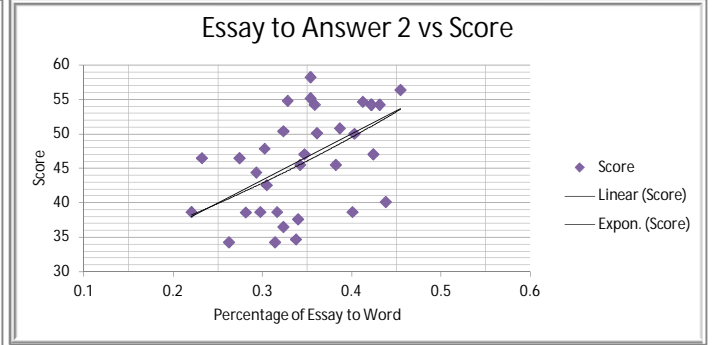
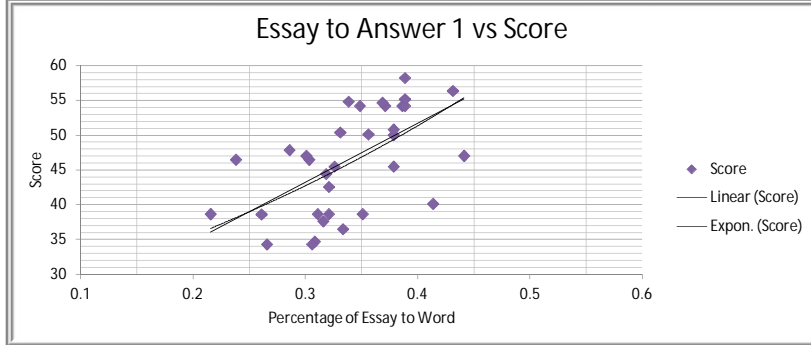
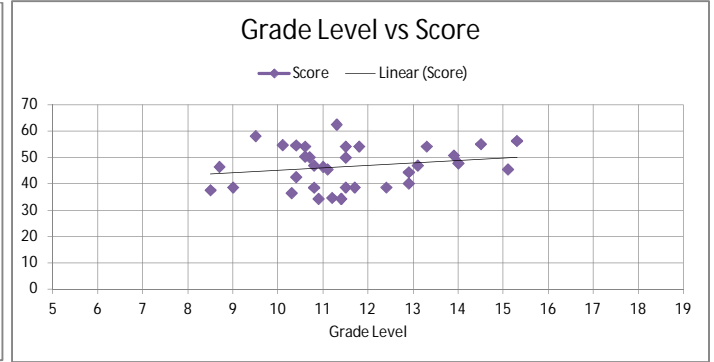
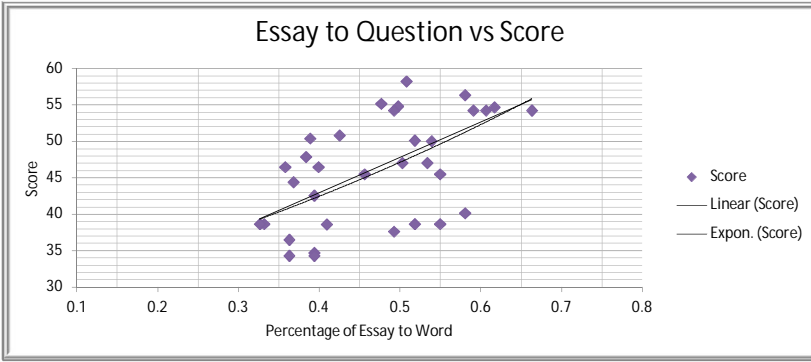
The 'IRAC Intros vs Score' graph shows the number of different IRAC introductions used in each examinee's essay versus the score received. The IRAC Intro amount is calculated by determining how many different IRAC Intro phrases were used (out of the 35 below IRAC Intro phrases). The purpose of this graph is to determine whether there is a trend or relationship between the overall number of IRAC Intros used in an essay answer and the examinee's essay score. The released above average answers are not included in this analysis.

The 'Different Words vs Score' graph shows the number of different words used in each examinee's essay versus the score received. The purpose of this graph is to determine whether there is a trend or relationship between the number of different words an examinee uses in an essay answer and the examinee's essay score. The released above average answers are not included in this analysis.

The 'Word Count vs Score' graph shows the total number of words used in each examinee's essay versus the score received. The purpose of this graph is to determine whether there is a trend or relationship between the total number of words an examinee uses in an essay answer and the examinee's essay score. The released above average answers are not included in this analysis.

Please also note that each above average answer is likely from a different examinee. Therefore, you will see differences in the number of IRAC introductions and other information between the above average answers for each essay.

ESSAY #1 GRAPHS: CONTRACTS/UCC/PROPERTY QUESTION - SCORE: 55.2



ESSAY #1 CHARTS AND STATISTICS: CONTRACTS/UCG/PROPERTY QUESTION - SCORE: 55.2

Essay #1 Statistics	You	AVG, MIN, MAX and RANK			34 Examinees with Avg score of 46.61			
		Answer 1	Answer 2	Best	AVG	MIN	MAX	RANK
Score	55.2	Est. 75-85	Est. 75-85	62.66	46.61	34.32	62.66	4
Words	779	1725	2011	1541	835	295	1573	18
Characters	3843	8423	9664	7498	4022	1482	7498	17
Paragraphs	20	15	20	17	16	7	26	5
Sentences	28	68	78	69	38	20	69	27
Sentences per Paragraph	1.4	4.5	3.9	4	2.7	1.4	6.7	33
Words per Sentence	26.6	25.3	25.7	22	21.8	14.6	34.9	5
Characters per Word	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.1	5	5
Flesch Reading Ease	38.3	46.6	46.5	50.6	50.3	38	68.9	33
Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level	14.5	13	13.1	11.3	11.6	8.5	15.3	3
IRAC Intro to Sentence	53.6%	38.2%	44.9%	21.7%	39.8%	18.2%	61.9%	7

Word Size Breakdown	You	Answer 1	Answer 2	Best	Avg	Question
Words four letters and less	34.3%	29.8%	28.6%	32.2%	34.7%	35.4%
Words five letters and less	48.5%	41.6%	42.5%	47.4%	48.2%	46.9%
Words seven letters and less	74.5%	65.7%	66.4%	71.6%	73.1%	73.4%
Words ten letters and less	95.0%	91.2%	93.9%	93.8%	94.4%	96.9%
Words more than ten letters	5.0%	8.8%	6.1%	6.2%	5.6%	3.1%

IRAC Introductory Phrases	You	Answer 1	Answer 2	Best	Average
The issue	4	4	4	3	2.7
The question					
Another issue					
Under		4	7	1	1.9
In NY					0.1
In New York		1			0.1
The rule					0.1
The Rule					0.1
As a general					
Generally	1				0.3
The standard					
In the absence					
Based on					
Here	5	1	5	4	2.6
In this		3			0.7
Assuming					
Although			2	1	0.2
Absent					
Because		2	6		0.4
However	4	4	3	3	1.3
Instead					0.2
Secondly					
Furthermore		2			0.3
Additionally			2		0.1
In the					0.5
It should be noted					
Note					
In conclusion		4			0.2
In closing					
Thus			1		0.6
Therefore	1	1	5	3	1.9
As a consequence					
Hence					0.2
Finally					
For the					

IRAC Intros Used	15	26	35	15	14.4
Different IRAC Intros Used	5	10	9	6	5.8

Word Comparison Statistics	You	Answer 1	Answer 2	Best	AVG
Essay To Question Comparison	47.7%	51.3%	64.8%	62.2%	47.6%
Essay To Answer 1 Comparison	38.8%		51.9%	38.6%	34.0%
Essay To Answer 2 Comparison	35.4%	48.7%		41.5%	34.9%
Essay To Best Ans. Comparison	43.8%	53.4%	61.0%		42.8%

Score Comparison Statistics	Word Count	Essay Score	Grade Level	Essay Score	Essay to Quest. %	Essay Score	IRAC to Sentence	Essay Score
You versus other Examinees								
Your Essay	779	55.2	14.5	55.2	47.7%	55.2	53.6%	55.2
Overall Essay avg (34 examinees)	835	46.6	11.6	46.6	47.6%	46.6	39.8%	46.6
Breakdown by Quartile								
1st quartile avg (0-25 percentile)	633	41.2	10.6	48.5	39.4%	41.0	28.8%	50.0
2nd quartile avg (25-50 percentile)	790	46.2	11.3	42.4	49.2%	46.9	42.4%	43.2
3rd quartile avg (50-75 percentile)	1006	49.2	12.8	46.5	54.7%	49.5	50.8%	46.9
4th quartile avg (75-100 percentile)	1573	50.4	15.3	49.1	66.3%	51.2	61.9%	45.6
Maximum and Minimum								
Essay with highest	1573	56.4	15.3	56.4	66.3%	54.3	61.9%	46.5
Essay with lowest	295	38.7	8.5	37.6	32.6%	38.7	18.2%	54.3

Top 20 words the above average answers used that you did not		
Rank	Essay #1 Word	#
1	agreement	18.5
2	d	15.5
3	an	11.5
4	must	7.5
5	c	7
6	date	6.5
7	received	5.5
8	ucc	5
9	time	5
10	volume	5
11	seller	5
12	than	4.5
13	article	4.5
14	space	4
15	breached	4
16	difference	4
17	after	4
18	profits	4
19	facts	4
20	required	3.5

Top 10 words in above average answer 1 that you did not use		
Rank	Essay #1 Word	#
1	agreement	19
2	d	13
3	must	10
4	breached	7
5	difference	7
6	c	7
7	memo *	6
8	whom *	5
9	enforcement	5
10	sought *	5

Top 10 words in above average answer 2 that you did not use		
Rank	Essay #1 Word	#
1	an	20
2	agreement	18
3	d	18
4	date	11
5	received	10
6	article *	9
7	facts *	8
8	time	7
9	c	7
10	delivery *	7

For the Above Average Top 10 charts above, any word marked with an asterisk (*) means that the other above average answer also did not use this word.

Top 10 words in the best answer that you did not use		
Rank	Essay #1 Word	#
1	an	14
2	acceptance	12
3	legal	8
4	inorder	8
5	needs	8
6	offer	8
7	defenses	7
8	valid	7
9	since	7
10	do	7

Top 20 words you used that the above average answers did not		
Rank	Essay #1 Word	#
1	dollars	4
2	note	4
3	i	3
4	over	3
5	e	3
6	fraud	3
7	presented	3
8	trader	3
9	diminish	2
10	seek	2
11	can	2
12	precisely	1
13	fall	1
14	assumable	1
15	confirm	1
16	falls	1
17	condition	1
18	like	1
19	clearly	1
20	regarded	1

Top 15 words in the Question that both above avg. answers used but you did not		
Rank	Essay #1 Word	#
1	marina	10
2	dock	4
3	space	4
4	model	4
5	pav	3
6	an	3
7	all	2
8	top	1
9	surface	1
10	decking	1
11	requirements	1
12	provides	1
13	received	1
14	did	1
15	large	1

ESSAY #1 CHART AND STATISTICS EXPLANATIONS: CONTRACTS/UCC/PROPERTY QUESTION - SCORE: 55.2

The 'Essay Statistics' chart reports a variety of statistics pertaining to Essay #1. The first data column reports your essay statistics. For example, your Essay #1 consisted of 779 words. The second data column reports the essay statistics for the first released above-average answer for Essay #1. For example, the first released above average answer for Essay #1 had a Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level of 13 as compared to your Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level of 14.5. The third data column reports the essay statistics for the second released above-average answer for Essay #1. For example, the second released above average answer for Essay #1 consisted of 78 sentences compared to 28 sentences in your essay. The fourth data column reports the essay statistics for the highest scoring answer (best) submitted to me for Essay #1 (based on 34 examinees). For example, the best answer for Essay #1 had an IRAC Intro to Sentence of 21.7% compared to 53.6% in your essay.

The next four data columns of the 'Essay Statistics' chart report the average (AVG), maximum (MAX), minimum (MIN) and rank (RANK) essay statistics based on the essays of 34 examinees that failed the February 2012 exam and submitted their essays to me (the released essays are not counted in these statistics). As a result, the AVG columns show the mean score for each essay statistic based on the Essay #1 essays of the 34 examinees that failed the February 2012 exam and submitted their essays to me. For example, the average number of IRAC Intro to Sentences (number of IRAC intros divided by number of sentences) among the 34 examinees was 39.8% (meaning an average of 60.2% of the examinee sentences did not begin with one of the IRAC Introductory Phrases listed above). On this essay, your total words of 779 words was 56 words less than the average Essay #1 words of 835 (based on the 34 submitted scores). Keep in mind these averages are only from those that failed - they may not accurately reflect the essay statistics of all examinees. Please also note the analysis does not distinguish between laptop and handwritten essay scores.

The MAX and MIN columns report the highest score and lowest statistics for that category based on the Essay #1 essays of the 34 examinees that failed the February 2012 exam and submitted their essays to me. Again, keep in mind these maximum and minimum numbers are only from those that failed - they may not accurately reflect the statistics of all examinees. On this essay, your total words of 779 words was 484 words more than the minimum Essay #1 words of 295 words. In contrast, your total words of 779 words was 794 words less than the maximum Essay #1 words of 1573 words (based on the 34 submitted scores).

The RANK column reports your rank for that category when compared to the scores of the 34 examinees that failed the February 2012 exam and submitted their scores to me. For example, on Essay #1, your rank of 5 for 'Essay #1: Words per Sentence' means that 4 of the 34 examinees' Words per Sentence for Essay #1 were higher than your Words per Sentence of 26.6 while 29 of the examinees' Words per Sentence for Essay #1 were lower than your Words per Sentence of 26.6 words per sentence. Meanwhile, the first released above average answer for Essay #1 contained approximately 25.3 words per sentence and the second released above average answer for Essay #1 contained approximately 25.7 words per sentence.

The 'Word Size Breakdown' chart reports compares your Essay #1 word sizes to the words in the Essay #1 Question; the two released above average answers; and the averages of the 34 examinees that failed the February 2012 exam and submitted their essays to me. For example, in your Essay #1 answer, 74.5% of your words were seven letters or less. Meanwhile, in the Essay #1 Question, 73.4% of the words were seven letters or less. In the first released above average answer for Essay #1, 65.7% of the words were seven letters or less. In the second released above average answer for Essay #1, 66.4% of the words were seven letters or less. For the 34 examinees, on average, 73.1% of the words in their essay were seven letters or less. Therefore, your essay contained 1.4% more words that were seven letters or less as compared to the the 34 examinees that failed the February 2012 exam and submitted their essays to me.

The 'Score Comparison Statistics' chart compares a number of statistics to the essay scores. The first row reports your essay statistics (for example, your essay had an Essay to Question % of 47.7% and a score of 55.2. This means that 47.7% of the words in the Question appeared in your essay answer). The second data row reports the score comparison statistics for the Essay #1 average of the 34 examinees who submitted essays. For example, these 34 essays had an Essay to Question % of 47.6% and an average score of 46.61. Other statistics include Word Count vs Score, Grade Level vs. Score, and IRAC to Sentence vs. Score. For example, these 34 essays had an average Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level of 11.6 (with average score of 46.61).

The 'Breakdown by Quartile' section of the 'score Comparison Statistics' chart compares the statistics to essay scores based on Quartile averages of the 34 examinees who submitted essays. For example, the 1st quartile average (0-25 percentile) for Word Count was 633 words with a score of 41.2; the 2nd quartile average (25-50 percentile) for Grade Level was 11.3 with a score of 42.4; the 3rd quartile average (50-75 percentile) for Essay to Question percentage was 54.7% with a score of 49.5; and the 4th quartile average (75-100 percentile) for IRAC to Sentence percentage was 61.9% with a score of 45.6. Keep in mind that the smaller the essay sample, the decreased statistical significance of the quartile breakdowns.

The 'Minimum and Maximum' section of the 'score Comparison Statistics' chart shows the highest and lowest statistics for each category along with their corresponding scores. For example, the essay with the highest word count consisted of 1573 words with a score of 56.4; the essay with the lowest Grade Level had a Grade Level of 8.5 with a score of 37.6; the essay with the highest Essay to Question percentage was 66.3% with a score of 54.3; and the essay with the lowest IRAC to Sentence percentage was 18.2% with a score of 54.3. Again, keep in mind that the smaller the essay sample, the decreased statistical significance of these superlatives.

The 'IRAC Introductory Phrases' chart reports how often you used certain IRAC phrases in your answer and compares your essay answer to the best answer and the two above average answers. For example, for the phrase 'The issue', your essay used this IRAC phrase 4 times in your essay (Please note that the phrase 'The issue' covers instances of 'The issue is' or 'The issue is whether' or 'The issue here' or any other variant of 'The issue...'). In contrast, the first released above average answer used this IRAC phrase 4 times and the second released above average essay used this IRAC phrase 4 times. Among the 34 examinees, 20 of the 35 listed IRAC Intros were used.

In Essay #1, you used a total of 15 IRAC Introductory statements stemming from 5 different IRAC Phrases. In contrast, the first released above average essay used a total of 26 IRAC Introductory statements stemming from 10 different IRAC Phrases. The second released above average essay used a total of 35 IRAC Introductory statements stemming from 9 different IRAC Phrases. The above average essays used approximately 50.82% more IRAC Intros than your essay.

The 'Top 20 words the above average answers used that you did not' chart compares the words in your answer to an average of the words in the two above average answers. For example, the above average answers used the word 'agreement' an average of 18.5 times in each of the released above average Essay #1 answers while you never used this word in your Essay #1 answer. The list is sorted based on how often the words were used. For example, the 2nd most used word mentioned in the above average answers that you did not use was the word 'd'. It was used an average of 15.5 times in each of the released above average Essay #1 answers while you never used this word in your Essay #1 answer.

Please note that this chart is not filtered. The chart may report abbreviations or common words such as prepositions or names. Regardless, it is important to be aware what words you did not use that the above average answers used, even if they are abbreviations or common words such as prepositions. You should incorporate such common words into your vocabulary when answering New York bar essay questions. By examining the differences, your goal should be to emulate the above average answer writing style in your essay writing. For example, any word relating to the question or a legal principle is a topic or subject you likely missed in your answer.

The 'Top 20 words you used that the above average answers did not' chart compares the words in your answer to an average of the words in the two above average answers. For example, you used the word 'dollars' a total of 4 times in your Essay #1 answer while the above average answers never used this word. As with the prior chart, please keep in mind that this chart is not filtered, and common words or prepositions are included in the list.

The 'Top 15 words in the Question that both above average answers used but you did not' chart compares the words in your answer to an average of the words in the two above average answers. For example, the word 'marina' was used in the Question a total of 10 times. Each above average answer used this word in their answer, but you never used this word in your answer.

The 'Top 10 words in above average answer 1 that you did not use' chart compares the words in your answer to the word in the first above average answer and reports the top ten words that the above average answer used that you did not. For example, the first above average answer used the word 'agreement' a total of 19 times in its answer, but you never used this word in your answer. If any of these words were also not used by the other above average answer, they are marked with an asterisk.

The 'Top 10 words in above average answer 2 that you did not use' chart compares the words in your answer to the word in the second above average answer and reports the top ten words that the above average answer used that you did not. For example, the first above average answer used the word 'an' a total of 20 times in its answer, but you never used this word in your answer. If any of these words were also not used by the other above average answer, they are marked with an asterisk.

The 'Top 10 words in the best answer that you did not use' chart compares the words in your answer to the word in the best answer and reports the top ten words that the best answer used that you did not. For example, the best answer used the word 'an' a total of 14 times in its answer, but you never used this word in your answer.

The words on these lists are words you should consider adding to your essay vocabulary, especially when dealing with Contracts/UCC/Property type questions. For example, the 2nd most used word in the released above average answers that you never used was the word 'd'. It was used an average of 15.5 times in each of the released above average Essay #1 answers while you never used this word in your Essay #1 answer.

In the 'Word Comparison Statistics' chart, it compares what percentage of words in your essay appeared in the Question and in best and the above average answers. The Essay to Question Comparison reports what percentage of the Question words appeared in the essay answers. For example, your Essay #1 answer contained 47.7% of the words in the Question. The average among the 34 examinees was 47.6% of the words in the Question. In contrast, the first released above average answer contained 51.3% of the words in the Question. The second released above average answer contained 64.8% of the words in the Question. For this Essay to Question Comparison, if your percentage is lower than the above average answers, it means that you did not match the facts in the question to your answer as well as the above average answers.

In the 'Word Comparison Statistics' chart, the 'Essay to Answer 1 Comparison' compares what percentage of words in the essays that appear in the first released above average answer. For example, your Essay #1 answer contained 38.8% of the words in the first released above average answer. The average among the 34 examinees was 34% of the words in the first released above average answer. In contrast, the second released above average answer contained 51.9% of the words contained in the first released above average answer.

In the 'Word Comparison Statistics' chart, the 'Essay to Answer 2 Comparison' compares what percentage of words in the essays that appear in the second released above average answer. For example, your Essay #1 answer contained 35.4% of the words in the second released above average answer. The average among the 34 examinees was 34.9% of the words in the second released above average answer. In contrast, the first released above average answer contained 48.7% of the words contained in the second released above average answer.

In the 'Word Comparison Statistics' chart, the 'Essay to Best Ans. Comparison' compares what percentage of words in the essays that appear in the best answer. For example, your Essay #1 answer contained 43.8% of the words in the best answer. The average among the 34 examinees was 42.8% of the words in the best answer. In contrast, the first released above average answer contained 53.4% of the words contained in the best answer.