

**PAD 630 Module One Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric**

After reading Chapters 1 and 2, write a short paper in which you respond to the following:

You are a reporter for your local media outlet and have scheduled an interview with your local congressman, who sits on the Committee on Ways and Means for the U.S. House of Representatives. The focus of the interview is to get the congressman’s response to the public’s perception that his party is simply playing the role of obstructing the president’s agenda rather than representing the public’s interest and upholding the democratic process. For your paper, develop three questions you would ask, and explain your rationale for asking these questions. Defend your explanation with scholarly resources.

Your paper should include the following elements:

- An explanation of how each question will lead to your intended goal
- A defense of your strategy with scholarly research

**Guidelines for Submission:** Your paper should be 3 to 4 pages in length and should use double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins. Sources should be cited according to APA style.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Interview Question 1</b>	Interview question indicates a clear understanding of the public administration concept, and it is clear how this strategy will logically lead to the required response	Interview question indicates a clear understanding of the public administration concept, but it is unclear how this strategy will logically lead to the required response	Interview question indicates lack of understanding of the public administration concept, and it is unclear how this strategy will logically lead to the required response	Does not include an interview question that indicates a clear understanding of the public administration concept	20
<b>Interview Question 2</b>	Interview question indicates a clear understanding of the public administration concept, and it is clear how this strategy will logically lead to the required response	Interview question indicates a clear understanding of the public administration concept, but it is unclear how this strategy will logically lead to the required response	Interview question indicates lack of understanding of the public administration concept, and it is unclear how this strategy will logically lead to the required response	Does not include an interview question that indicates a clear understanding of the public administration concept	20
<b>Interview Question 3</b>	Interview question indicates a clear understanding of the public administration concept, and it is clear how this strategy will logically lead to the required response	Interview question indicates a clear understanding of the public administration concept, but it is unclear how this strategy will logically lead to the required response	Interview question indicates lack of understanding of the public administration concept, and it is unclear how this strategy will logically lead to the required response	Does not include an interview question that indicates a clear understanding of the public administration concept	20

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<b>Scholarly Research</b>	Meets “Proficient” criteria and provides specific, concrete examples from research to defend interview strategy	Includes references to scholarly research to defend interview strategy and connects research findings directly to interview strategy	Includes references to scholarly research but does not connect research findings directly to interview strategy	Does not include references to scholarly research to defend interview strategy	20
<b>Writing (Mechanics/Citations)</b>	There are no errors related to organization, grammar, style, and APA citations	There are minor errors related to organization, grammar, style, and APA citations	There are some errors related to organization, grammar, style, and APA citations, but they do not impede understanding	There are major errors related to organization, grammar, style, and APA citations that impede understanding	20
<b>Total</b>					<b>100%</b>