Latin II Writing a letter rubric

On time **– 25 points**

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| **Syntax** | The endings are often confused to the point that the story is unintelligible. | Verbs generally have verb endings and nouns generally have noun endings, but there are numerous inflection errors. | The author clearly has a grasp of Latin inflection, but there is a persistent issue with one or two elements of grammar. (e.g. adjectives often don’t match nouns correctly or accusative case isn’t used for D.O.) | The author clearly understands Latin endings and when to use them in general, the letter may still contain some errors, but there isn’t a glaring problem. |
| **Lexicon** | The letter is not written in understandable Latin, or not entirely in Latin. | The letter is written in repetitive Latin, often using the same words or phrases continually. All modern phrases appear to be from Google Translate. | The letter has a variety of words and verbs, including a few cognates of contemporary words (or phrases clearly from Google Translate.) | The letter has a variety of words and even has phrases or words either created by the student, with Mr. Cahoon’s help, or using the contemporary Latin dictionary. |
| **Tenses** | None of the verbs have correct tense endings. | The entire letter is written in one tense – the level of correct usage and endings will determine score. | The letter has two or three identifiable tenses. | The letter has at least four identifiably different tenses, participles, or infinitives. |
| **Elements of a Latin Letter** | Letter contains none of the elements of a Roman style letter. | Letter contains one or two of the four elements. | Letter contains three elements of a Roman style letter OR it contains all four but they are misused (e.g. the closing has the author’s name) | The letter contains all four elements of a Roman letter: a salutation, date, paragraphs, and a closing. |
| **Roman style Date** | Letter does not contain the date or year OR they are entirely in the contemporary model. | Letter contains either a date OR a year, but not both. | Letter contains both a date and year, but there are grammatical or dating errors (e.g. wrong year.) | Letter contains both a date and a year, and they are accurate. |