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| Coverage of issues & information | Includes the following:  
  ● Context for deal  
    ○ Iran nuclear program history  
    ○ History of sanctions on Iran  
    ○ Countries involved in deal  
  ● Goals of JCPOA for both sides  
  ● Iranian commitments  
    ○ Limitations on uranium enrichment  
    ○ Arak reactor restrictions  
    ○ How these provisions prevent bomb production  
    ○ Prohibition on nuclear weapon research  
    ○ International involvement in nuclear energy program  
  ● US and UN commitments  
    ○ Sanction relief  
    ○ Specify in which industries sanctions were lifted  
Written as a summary of the events immediately following the deal's ratification, ignoring current events | 25%   | High     |
| Accurate use of concepts         | Course concepts from lecture and readings are employed clearly, accurately, and with a sufficient level of detail (i.e., quantified)  
Accurate definitions for key terms (e.g., JCPOA, centrifuge) | 15%   | High     |
| Explanation & argument           | Provides a neutral and unbiased summary of the deal and political opinions of states involved without attempting to persuade the reader  
Presentation of information is logical and coherent  
Report is organized to reflect a narrative in accordance with *Scientific American* guidelines | 15%   | High     |
| Professional style | • Geared toward *Scientific American* audience, i.e. high school-educated readers with interest in science but little scientific background  
• Congruent with *Scientific American* style: text is clear, concise, organized; uses a tone appropriate to writing situation  
• Sources are used thoughtfully and comprehensively (i.e., uses all required sources)  
  ○ Source info cited according to “Conformity to Conventions” section of rubric  
  ○ Most of report is in writer’s own words  
• Must use course slides and CRS Report “Iran Nuclear Agreement and U.S. Exit” | 20% | High  
Mid  
Low |
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| Conformity to conventions | The report should be between 2.5-3 pages  
Header, date, and page numbers in correct format  
12-point Times New Roman font throughout (including page numbers)  
1.25” side margins and 1” top margins and .5” bottom margins.  
Acronyms written fully in first use  
Cite CRS Report “Iran Nuclear Agreement and U.S. Exit” as (CRS Report, page ##)  
Use APA for any other sources  
No bibliography included | 10% | High  
Low |
| Copy editing & use of standard language | Grammar and mechanics are edited for correctness and readability | 5% | High  
Low |
| Quality and thoughtfulness of revision and rationale | | 10% | High  
Low |
| Overall Comments: | | | |