Reading Work Sample Exemplar: Informational Text
Task Title: “Are We Addicted to Smartphones?”

SCORES AND COMMENTARY
(Phrases in bold are taken from the Official Reading Scoring Guide):

**Demonstrate Understanding: 5**
To provide an accurate score in demonstrate understanding, the scorer will need to look throughout the task. The margin notes are basically “notes to self” and provide a running summary of what evidence is provided in the article for the reader to use in responding to questions. The identification of the problems provided in response to question 1 support that this reader has an **accurate literal understanding of main ideas and supporting details** in this article. The response to question 2 indicates a clear understanding of the word “nomophobia” and provides a connection to the article with textual support (Although not required in Demonstrate Understanding, it provides an indication of a thorough understanding). The responses for questions 3 and 6 reveal a more **thorough understanding of main ideas and supporting details, including those that are subtle/complex** (“iDisorder makes you think about the disorder that is occurring due to phones like the iPhone,” “Instead of being an outward boisterous revolution, Weiss is suggesting that phones themselves are quietly taking hold of society and are ushering an era of change.”). The total of the responses are **insightful and complex; they demonstrate skills that exceed high school standards** and push the score for this trait to a 5.

**Develop an Interpretation: 5**
In the responses to questions 3 and 4, the reader provides **insightful and thorough responses with well-supported relevant, valid textual evidence**. Question 3’s response demonstrates “**Reading between the lines,**” connecting iDisorder and iPhones, and is supported by textual references and analysis. The response to question 4 is thorough and makes **note of the subtleties, complexities, and implicit relationships in interpreting the text** (“Robert Weiss is suggesting that the phones are creating silent discord. Instead of being an outward boisterous revolution, Weiss is suggesting that phones themselves are quietly taking hold of society and are ushering an era of change.” “The first quote clarifies the extent of the damage… while the second explains why it is considered a quiet revolution.” The student chose not to answer (or possibly did not have time to complete) question 5. This does not impact the score. There is enough evidence to score a 5 in this trait.

**Analyze Text: 4**
The **author’s purpose** is identified in the reader’s response to question 6 with **textual evidence**. There is also **reasoned judgment** of the author’s word usage (“The author doesn’t use any persuasive words like should or must, and they don’t use words that are particularly pulse racing or humorous.”). The response continues to discuss how the author **uses sources with textual evidence** (“Their tone of voice is precise and to the point; they often provide factual evidence as well. For example…”). The reader did not answer questions 7 and 8. There is still enough evidence to score a 4 in this trait.