

# DUC 2007

## Update Summary Task

### Scenario Description

Imagine there's a news story that you're really interested, and you want to follow up on that news. But now, either there's so much you can't keep up with it, or you have to leave for a while and then you want to catch up, or maybe you want to keep up but you're on the go and only have a mobile device. It bugs you that most news articles keep repeating the same information because you know that part already. Wouldn't you like to read article summaries that only talk about what's new or different?

### Summary-Writing Task

You have been given a topic and 25 relevant documents, which have been divided into 3 sets, Set A, Set B, and Set C, of *approximately* 10, 8, and 7 documents, respectively. You will write a 100-word summary of the documents in each of Sets A-C.

You will write summaries that are focused by the topic. Each summary should be well-organized, in English, using complete sentences. You may use a blank line to separate paragraphs, but do not use any other formatting (such as bulleted points, tables, bold-face type, etc.) to organize your summary. The summary should be no more than 100 words long (it may be shorter). The summary should include all new information that contributes to satisfying the information need expressed in the topic. This means that you might have to generalize some of the information in order to fit everything in 100 words. However, please DO NOT use specialized knowledge to draw conclusions or make inferences that are not obvious in the documents.

**Summary 1** Read the first set of documents (Set A), and write a 100-word summary of the documents that is relevant to the topic. (If the topic asks for information that isn't available in Set A, just include whatever information is available.)

**Summary 2** Read the second set of documents (Set B) and write a 100-word summary of these documents that is relevant to the topic, assuming the user is interested in that specific topic and has already read all the documents in Set A in their entirety (not just the summary that you wrote for Set A). If Set B does not have any new or different topic-relevant information, make a note of the topic number, and move on to Summary 3.

**Summary 3** Read the last set of documents (Set C) and write a 100-word summary of these documents that is relevant to the topic, assuming the user is interested in that specific topic and has already read all the documents in Sets A and B in their entirety (not just the summaries that you wrote for them). If Set C does not have any new or different topic-relevant information, make a note of the topic number, and move on to the next topic.