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#### **FACTOR I. Nature and Extent of Performance of Examining Functions:**

Incumbent independently performs "Basic" patent examining functions (e.g., planning and conducting the search, applying references to the claimed invention, etc.) with no preliminary instructions from the supervisor. References used to determine whether or not the claimed invention is new and patentable are presented for review.

Incumbent also performs "Advanced" patent examining functions (e.g., the evaluation of special claim constructions, the requirement of restrictions, the recognition and development of probable interferences, etc.) with no preliminary instructions, but all determinations involving such functions receive close review.

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Assignments normally involve responsibility for technological problems which can be solved by the proper application of the fundamental knowledge and techniques of the specialized art.

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Factor 1: Level: C: Points: 30

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Factor 3: Level: : Points:

Total Points: 30

Grade: 11

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