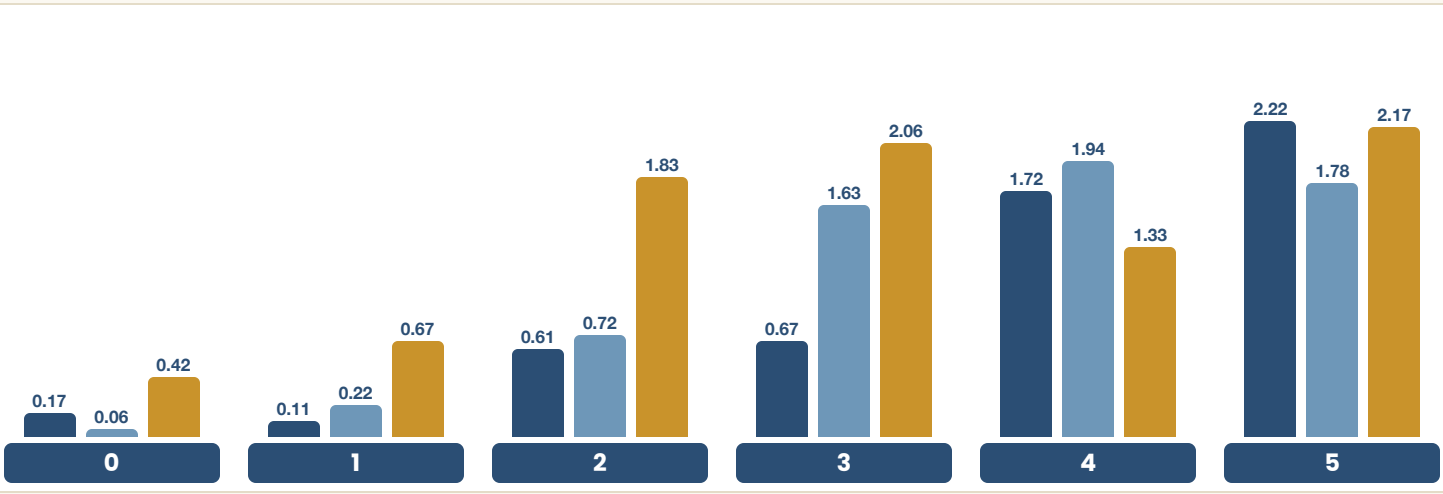
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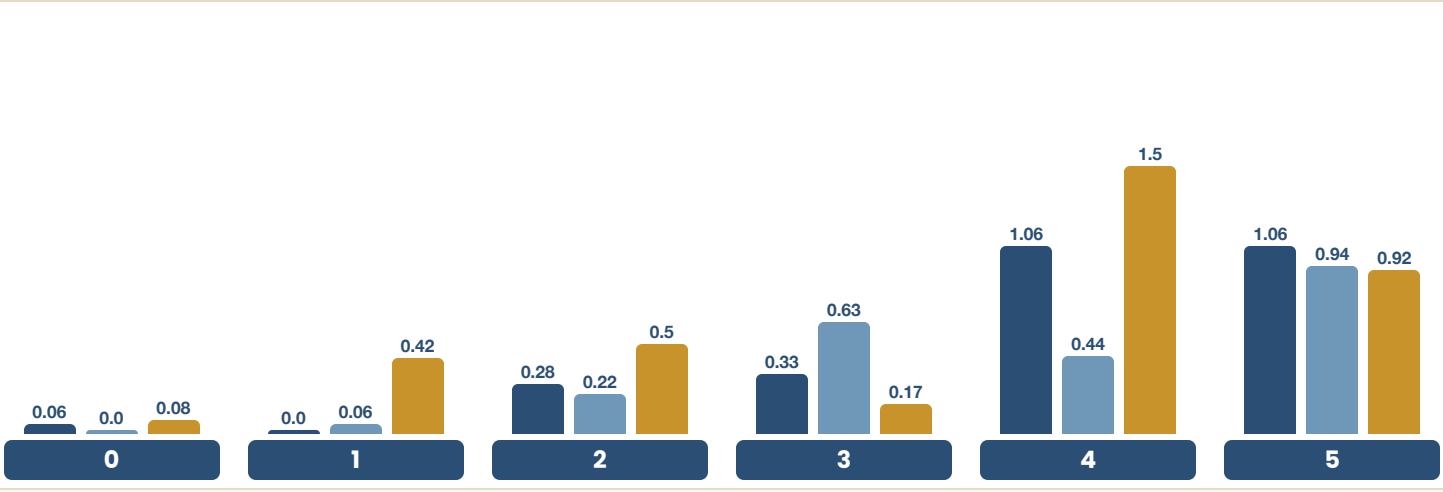
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EACH CELL: AVERAGE NUMBER OF QUOTES AND PARAGRAPH REFERENCES

GRADE	SCORE 0 n=6	SCORE 1 n=6	SCORE 2 n=6	SCORE 3 n=9	SCORE 4 n=6	SCORE 5 n=6
Grade 3	**0.00** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.00** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.67** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.56** quotes 0.00 refs	**2.50** quotes 1.83 refs	**2.67** quotes 1.00 refs
Grade 4	**0.50** quotes 0.17 refs	**0.00** quotes 0.00 refs	**1.00** quotes 0.33 refs	**0.56** quotes 0.44 refs	**1.00** quotes 0.50 refs	**2.00** quotes 1.33 refs
Grade 5	**0.00** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.33** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.17** quotes 0.50 refs	**0.89** quotes 0.56 refs	**1.67** quotes 0.83 refs	**2.00** quotes 0.83 refs
Grade 6	**0.00** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.00** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.83** quotes 0.00 refs	**1.78** quotes 0.56 refs	**2.50** quotes 0.33 refs	**1.67** quotes 0.17 refs
Grade 7	**0.17** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.33** quotes 0.17 refs	**0.50** quotes 0.17 refs	**1.78** quotes 0.67 refs	**2.00** quotes 0.50 refs	**2.17** quotes 1.67 refs
Grade 8	**0.00** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.33** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.83** quotes 0.50 refs	**1.33** quotes 0.67 refs	**1.33** quotes 0.50 refs	**1.50** quotes 1.00 refs
English I	**0.83** quotes 0.17 refs	**0.83** quotes 0.00 refs	**1.83** quotes 0.83 refs	**1.67** quotes 0.00 refs	**1.33** quotes 1.50 refs	**2.17** quotes 0.50 refs
English II	**0.00** quotes 0.00 refs	**0.50** quotes 0.83 refs	**1.83** quotes 0.17 refs	**2.44** quotes 0.33 refs	**1.33** quotes 1.50 refs	**2.17** quotes 1.33 refs

Reading the table. Each cell pools that grade and score point across 2024, 2025, and 2026. Method: a direct quote is text between double quotation marks holding at least 3 words, and a paragraph reference is the word paragraph or paragraphs with a number; misspelled attempts, page notes, and unclosed marks are not counted.