

Appendix A: Detailed Results

BAGEL			SFHOTEL			SFREST		
Inf: 0.16*	Nat: 0.36*	Qua: 0.38*	Inf: 0.41*	Nat: 0.47*	Qua: 0.52*	Inf: 0.35*	Nat: 0.29*	Qua: 0.35*
TGEN: 0.42*	LOLS: 0.24*		RNNLG: 0.52*	LOLS: 0.45*		RNNLG: 0.28*	LOLS: 0.38*	
Total BAGEL: 0.31*			Total SFHOTEL: 0.50*			Total SFREST: 0.35*		
Total all data: 0.45*								

Table 7: Intra-class correlation coefficient (ICC) for human ratings across the three datasets. “*” denotes statistical significance ($p < 0.05$).

metric	BAGEL		SFHOTEL		SFREST	
	TGEN	LOLS	RNNLG	LOLS	RNNLG	LOLS
	Avg / StDev	Avg / StDev	Avg / StDev	Avg / StDev	Avg / StDev	Avg / StDev
TER	0.36/0.24	0.33/0.24	0.28*/0.27	0.65*/0.32	0.41*/0.35	0.65*/0.27
BLEU1	0.75*/0.21	0.81*/0.16	0.85*/0.18	0.66*/0.23	0.73*/0.24	0.59*/0.23
BLEU2	0.68/0.23	0.72/0.21	0.78*/0.25	0.54*/0.28	0.62*/0.31	0.45*/0.29
BLEU3	0.60/0.28	0.63/0.26	0.69*/0.32	0.42*/0.33	0.52*/0.37	0.34*/0.33
BLEU4	0.52/0.32	0.53/0.33	0.56*/0.40	0.28*/0.33	0.44*/0.41	0.24*/0.32
ROUGE	0.76/0.18	0.78/0.17	0.83*/0.18	0.64*/0.21	0.72*/0.24	0.58*/0.22
NIST	4.44*/2.05	4.91*/2.04	4.37*/2.19	3.49*/1.99	4.86*/2.55	4.01*/2.07
LEPOR	0.46*/0.22	0.50*/0.19	0.52*/0.23	0.30*/0.16	0.51*/0.25	0.30*/0.17
CIDEr	2.92/2.40	3.01/2.27	3.08*/2.05	1.66*/1.67	3.39*/2.53	2.09*/1.73
METEOR	0.50/0.22	0.53/0.23	0.62*/0.27	0.44*/0.20	0.54*/0.28	0.41*/0.19
SIM	0.66/0.09	0.65/0.12	0.76*/0.15	0.73*/0.14	0.76/0.13	0.77/0.14
RE	86.79/19.48	83.39/20.41	70.90/17.07	69.62/19.14	64.67/19.07	64.27/22.22
msp	0.04*/0.21	0.14*/0.37	0.68/0.78	0.69/0.77	0.78/0.82	0.85/0.89
prs	84.51*/25.78	93.30*/27.04	97.58*/32.58	107.90*/36.41	93.74/34.98	97.20/39.30
len	38.20*/14.22	42.54*/14.11	49.06*/15.77	51.69*/17.30	53.27*/19.50	50.92*/18.74
wps	10.08*/3.10	10.94*/3.19	11.43*/3.63	12.07*/4.17	11.15*/4.37	10.52*/4.21
sps	13.15*/4.98	14.61*/5.13	16.03*/4.88	17.02*/5.90	16.39*/6.17	15.41*/5.92
cpw	3.77/0.60	3.88/0.59	4.34/0.58	4.36/0.63	4.86*/0.64	4.94*/0.76
spw	1.30/0.22	1.33/0.23	1.43/0.23	1.43/0.26	1.50/0.26	1.50/0.29
pol	2.22/1.21	2.40/1.16	1.24/1.04	1.33/1.04	1.69/1.12	1.57/1.07
ppw	0.22/0.09	0.22/0.09	0.11/0.10	0.12/0.09	0.16/0.11	0.16/0.12
informativeness	4.77/1.09	4.91/1.23	5.47*/0.81	5.27/1.02	5.29*/0.94	5.16/1.07
naturalness	4.76/1.26	4.67/1.25	4.99*/1.13	4.62/1.28	4.86/1.13	4.74/1.23
quality	4.77/1.19	4.54/1.28	4.54/1.18	4.53/1.26	4.51/1.14	4.58/1.33

Table 8: The systems’ performance for all datasets. Avg denotes a mean value, StDev stands for standard deviation, “*” denotes a statistically significant difference ($p < 0.05$) between the two systems on the given dataset.

metric	BAGEL				SFHOTEL				SFRST			
	TGEN		LOLS		RNNLG		LOLS		RNNLG		LOLS	
	inf	nat	qual	inf	nat	qual	inf	nat	qual	inf	nat	qual
TER	-0.21*	-0.19*	-0.16*	-0.16*	-0.19*	-0.16*	-0.03	-0.09	-0.08	-0.06	-0.20*	-0.12*
BLEU1	0.30*	0.15*	0.13	0.13	0.15*	0.13	0.09	0.09*	0.08	0.01	0.12*	0.06
BLEU2	0.30*	0.17*	0.14	0.12	0.14*	0.11	0.08	0.09*	0.07	0.00	0.12*	0.07
BLEU3	0.27*	0.17*	0.12	0.11	0.13	0.10	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.01	0.11*	0.08
BLEU4	0.23*	0.15*	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.03
ROUGE	0.20*	0.11	0.09	0.20*	0.17*	0.15*	0.07	0.09	0.08	-0.01	0.04	0.02
NIST	0.24*	0.07	0.02	0.16*	0.13	0.11	0.07	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.14*	0.11*
LEPOR	0.17*	0.12	0.07	-0.07	0.02	-0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.14*	0.17*	0.10*
CIDE1	0.26*	0.14*	0.10	0.14*	0.19*	0.14*	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.03	0.13*	0.09
METEOR	0.29*	0.09	0.09	0.20*	0.18*	0.16*	0.07	0.10*	0.10*	0.05	0.06	0.04
SIM	0.16*	0.04	0.06	0.14*	0.13	0.09	-0.05	-0.12*	-0.11*	0.03	-0.03	-0.08
RE	-0.06	0.09	0.13	-0.09	-0.04	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.10*	-0.01	0.03	0.09
cpw	0.03	-0.12	-0.19*	0.08	0.05	-0.03	0.02	-0.02	-0.09*	0.13*	0.14*	0.06
len	0.25*	-0.25*	-0.21*	0.04	-0.19*	-0.24*	0.01	-0.17*	-0.09	0.12*	-0.08	-0.07
wps	0.33*	-0.17*	-0.12	-0.05	-0.28*	-0.29*	0.01	-0.15*	-0.05	0.08	-0.12*	-0.08
sps	0.25*	-0.20*	-0.17*	0.03	-0.17*	-0.23*	-0.02	-0.16*	-0.08	0.02	-0.18*	-0.16*
spw	0.01	-0.07	-0.13	0.10	0.09	0.02	-0.08	-0.02	-0.11*	-0.10*	-0.10*	-0.17*
pol	0.16*	-0.06	-0.07	0.11	-0.03	-0.12	-0.07	-0.10*	-0.15*	0.01	-0.09	-0.14*
ppw	-0.02	0.06	0.00	0.16*	0.15*	0.08	-0.09	-0.06	-0.16*	-0.02	-0.01	-0.09
mnp	-0.02	-0.06	-0.11	0.02	-0.02	-0.10	-0.01	-0.10*	-0.08	0.05	-0.02	-0.03
prs	-0.23*	0.18*	0.13	0.05	0.24*	0.31*	-0.02	0.13*	0.09	-0.13*	0.05	0.04

Table 9: Spearman correlation between metrics and human ratings for individual datasets and systems. “*” denotes statistically significant correlation ($p < 0.05$), bold font denotes significantly stronger correlation when comparing two systems on the same dataset.

	BAGEL			SFHOTEL			SFREST		
	<i>inf</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>qual</i>	<i>inf</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>qual</i>	<i>inf</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>qual</i>
TER	-0.19*	-0.19*	-0.15*	-0.10*	-0.19*	-0.07*	-0.09*	-0.15*	-0.08*
BLEU1	0.23*	0.14*	0.11*	0.11*	0.18*	0.07*	0.11*	0.14*	0.07*
BLEU2	0.21*	0.15*	0.12*	0.10*	0.17*	0.07*	0.09*	0.13*	0.06*
BLEU3	0.19*	0.15*	0.11*	0.09*	0.16*	0.07*	0.08*	0.12*	0.06*
BLEU4	0.18*	0.14*	0.10*	0.08*	0.10*	0.06	0.09*	0.09*	0.05
ROUGE	0.20*	0.13*	0.11*	0.09*	0.15*	0.06	0.09*	0.15*	0.06*
NIST	0.21*	0.09	0.06	0.07*	0.13*	0.06	0.10*	0.08*	0.03
LEPOR	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.13*	0.15*	0.05	0.16*	0.12*	0.04
CIDEF	0.21*	0.16*	0.12*	0.10*	0.16*	0.05	0.08*	0.12*	0.04
METEOR	0.25*	0.13*	0.12*	0.11*	0.15*	0.08*	0.15*	0.18*	0.11*
SIM	0.15*	0.09	0.07	0.01	-0.04	-0.09*	0.15*	-0.02	-0.02
RE	-0.08	0.03	0.09	0.01	0.04	0.10*	0.02	0.02	0.06
cpw	0.05	-0.04	-0.12*	0.07*	0.05	-0.02	0.04	0.10*	0.06
len	0.14*	-0.22*	-0.24*	0.05	-0.14*	-0.07*	0.16*	-0.15*	-0.09*
wps	0.14*	-0.23*	-0.23*	0.03	-0.14*	-0.06	0.14*	-0.17*	-0.10*
sps	0.14*	-0.19*	-0.21*	-0.01	-0.18*	-0.12*	0.10*	-0.18*	-0.12*
spw	0.05	0.00	-0.06	-0.10*	-0.06	-0.14*	-0.11*	-0.02	-0.07*
pol	0.13*	-0.05	-0.10*	-0.04	-0.10*	-0.14*	-0.03	-0.08*	-0.08*
ppw	0.06	0.11*	0.04	-0.06	-0.04	-0.13*	-0.11*	0.01	-0.04
mzp	0.02	-0.04	-0.11*	0.02	-0.06	-0.06	0.08*	0.01	0.01
prs	-0.10	0.22*	0.25*	-0.05	0.12*	0.07	-0.13*	0.18*	0.13*

Table 10: Spearman correlation between metrics and human ratings for each dataset. “*” denotes statistically significant correlation ($p < 0.05$).

	TGEN			LOLS			RNNLG		
	<i>inf</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>qual</i>	<i>inf</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>qual</i>	<i>inf</i>	<i>nat</i>	<i>qual</i>
TER	-0.21*	-0.19*	-0.16*	-0.07*	-0.15*	-0.11*	-0.02	-0.13*	-0.08*
BLEU1	0.30*	0.15*	0.13	0.08*	0.12*	0.08*	0.07*	0.13*	0.07*
BLEU2	0.30*	0.17*	0.14	0.05	0.11*	0.07*	0.06*	0.14*	0.08*
BLEU3	0.27*	0.17*	0.12	0.04	0.09*	0.07*	0.06	0.13*	0.08*
BLEU4	0.23*	0.15*	0.11	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.11*	0.08*
ROUGE	0.20*	0.11	0.09	0.05	0.09*	0.05	0.07*	0.15*	0.09*
NIST	0.25*	0.07	0.02	0.07*	0.11*	0.09*	0.04	0.06*	0.01
LEPOR	0.17*	0.12	0.07	0.13*	0.13*	0.11*	0.02	0.05	0.00
CIDEF	0.26*	0.14*	0.10	0.05	0.13*	0.09*	0.04	0.10*	0.02
METEOR	0.29*	0.09	0.09	0.14*	0.13*	0.12*	0.08*	0.15*	0.10*
SIM	0.16*	0.04	0.06	0.14*	0.02	0.00	0.05	-0.08*	-0.09*
RE	-0.06	0.09	0.13	-0.02	0.04	0.07*	0.02	-0.01	0.06*
cpw	0.03	-0.12	-0.19*	0.11*	0.11*	0.08*	-0.02	0.02	-0.05
len	0.25*	-0.25*	-0.21*	0.17*	-0.12*	-0.10*	0.06	-0.18*	-0.08*
wps	0.33*	-0.17*	-0.12	0.11*	-0.17*	-0.13*	0.07*	-0.17*	-0.06
sps	0.25*	-0.20*	-0.17*	0.09*	-0.19*	-0.17*	0.03	-0.17*	-0.08*
spw	0.01	-0.07	-0.13	-0.07*	-0.06*	-0.10*	-0.09*	0.01	-0.07*
pol	0.16*	-0.06	-0.07	-0.02	-0.09*	-0.11*	-0.08*	-0.08*	-0.09*
ppw	-0.02	0.06	0.00	-0.08*	0.00	-0.05	-0.11*	0.00	-0.07*
mzp	-0.02	-0.06	-0.11	0.10*	0.00	0.02	0.02	-0.04	-0.07*
prs	-0.23*	0.18*	0.13	-0.12*	0.16*	0.15*	-0.07*	0.14*	0.10*

Table 11: Spearman correlation between metrics and human ratings for each system. “*” denotes statistical significance ($p < 0.05$).

Accuracy	rand	TER	BLEU1	BLEU2	BLEU3	BLEU4	ROUGE	NIST	LEPOR	CIDEF	METE	RE	SIM
BAGEL													
	37.13	45.05*	41.58*	41.58*	42.57*	42.08*	43.07*	43.07*	41.58*	43.07*	45.54*	37.13	41.09*
	42.08	47.03*	46.04*	45.54*	44.06*	45.05*	46.04*	44.55*	46.53*	45.05*	45.05*	42.08	43.07*
SFHOTEL	33.17	45.54*	43.07*	40.10*	40.59*	43.56*	43.07*	41.09*	40.59*	42.08*	41.58*	37.62	42.57*
	25.38	34.92*	35.68*	35.18*	35.68*	34.67*	36.43*	31.41	32.16*	33.92*	36.43*	34.92*	33.92*
	41.96	45.73	46.48	45.48	46.48	45.23	48.74	41.21	43.72	44.72	49.75*	37.19	46.98
SFREST	44.47	40.95	40.95	42.21	44.72	41.46	43.22	40.2	40.95	42.46	45.98	33.67	37.44
	33.68	36.27	35.41	34.02	34.72	36.96	33.16	35.58	36.27	32.47	34.72	38.34*	42.66*
	36.10	40.41	40.07	38.86	38.34	38.86	38.17	39.38	41.11*	36.79	39.38	39.38	38.00
SFREST, quant.	39.38	37.13	36.96	39.21	37.65	39.55	36.10	38.69	39.72	35.23	34.89	40.93	37.31
	31.95	35.75*	36.27*	34.37*	35.92*	34.54*	36.44*	39.55*	37.13*	36.27*	36.79*	38.17*	42.83*
	39.21	33.33	34.37	32.3	30.57	26.94	34.54	33.16	35.92	30.92	31.61	32.47	35.41
naturalness	37.13	37.82	38.69	36.1	35.75	32.3	36.96	39.21	38.86	35.23	38.34	34.2	36.1

Table 12: Accuracy of metrics predicting relative human ratings, with “*” denoting statistical significance ($p < 0.05$).

	<i>informativeness</i>		<i>naturalness</i>		<i>quality</i>	
	<i>Bad</i>	<i>Good and avg</i>	<i>Bad</i>	<i>Good and avg</i>	<i>Bad</i>	<i>Good and avg</i>
TER	0.48*	0.07*	0.31*	0.15*	0.08	0.06*
BLEU1	0.45*	0.11*	0.26*	0.13*	0.07	0.04
BLEU2	0.49*	0.09*	0.29*	0.13*	0.05	0.04*
BLEU3	0.40*	0.08*	0.25*	0.13*	0.01	0.05*
BLEU4	0.41*	0.07*	0.21*	0.08*	0.01	0.04
ROUGE	0.50*	0.08*	0.28*	0.13*	0.07	0.04*
NIST	0.26	0.08*	0.23*	0.08*	0.08	0.03
LEPOR	0.40*	0.09*	0.23*	0.10*	0.03	0.01
CIDEF	0.42*	0.09*	0.21*	0.12*	0.02	0.04
METEOR	0.45*	0.14*	0.24*	0.15*	0.03	0.08*
SIM	0.37*	0.12*	0.29*	-0.03	0.21*	-0.08*

Table 13: Spearman correlation between WBM scores and human ratings for utterances from the *Bad* bin and utterances from the *Good* and *Average* bins. “*” denotes statistically significant correlation ($p < 0.05$), bold font denotes significantly stronger correlation for the *Bad* bin compared to the *Good* and *Average* bins.

	<i>informativeness</i>		<i>naturalness</i>		<i>quality</i>	
	<i>Inform</i>	<i>Not inform</i>	<i>Inform</i>	<i>Not inform</i>	<i>Inform</i>	<i>Not inform</i>
TER	-0.08*	-0.10	-0.17*	-0.18*	-0.09*	-0.11*
BLEU1	0.11*	0.09	0.14*	0.20*	0.07*	0.11*
BLEU2	0.09*	0.10	0.14*	0.20*	0.07*	0.13*
BLEU3	0.07*	0.11*	0.13*	0.20*	0.06*	0.14*
BLEU4	0.06*	0.11*	0.09*	0.18*	0.05*	0.14*
ROUGE	0.08*	0.12*	0.14*	0.22*	0.06*	0.16*
NIST	0.08*	0.05	0.10*	0.06	0.07*	-0.06
LEPOR	0.09*	0.16*	0.11*	0.16*	0.05*	0.04
CIDEF	0.10*	0.01	0.16*	0.04	0.07*	0.02
METEOR	0.14*	0.17*	0.15*	0.22*	0.09*	0.18*
SIM	0.15*	0.09	-0.01	-0.03	-0.05*	-0.10
cpw	0.12*	-0.15*	0.09*	-0.14*	0.01	-0.11*
len	0.17*	0.08	-0.15*	-0.12*	-0.12*	-0.05
wps	0.11*	0.19*	-0.19*	-0.03	-0.12*	0.01
sps	0.09*	0.18*	-0.20*	-0.02	-0.17*	0.02
spw	-0.06*	0.09	-0.03	0.01	-0.12*	0.01
pol	-0.08*	0.05	-0.10*	-0.03	-0.09*	-0.03
ppw	-0.14*	-0.01	0.00	-0.03	-0.03	-0.05
mzp	0.11*	-0.03	0.00	-0.08	-0.03	-0.08
prs	-0.10*	-0.18*	0.18*	0.04	0.15*	0.02

Table 14: Spearman correlation between automatic metrics and human ratings for utterances of the *inform* MR type and utterances of other MR types. “*” denotes statistically significant correlation ($p < 0.05$), bold font denotes significantly stronger (absolute) correlation for *inform* MRs compared to non-*inform* MRs.