ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST – SAMPLE QUESTIONS

This test has four sections: an essay (30 minutes) and three multiple choice tests, which include Conventions of Written English (35 minutes), Sentence Structure (30 minutes), and Reading Comprehension (45 minutes).

The Essay requires you to write about the topic provided.

Conventions of Written English consists of 40 questions. This section asks you to show how familiar you are with written English by identifying problems in sentences.

Directions: Read each sentence and find the error. There is one error in each sentence. On your answer sheet, mark the letter of the place in the sentence where the error appears.

EXAMPLE: I. He spoke bluntly and angrily to we spectators. A B C D

II. She works every day so she would become financially independent in her old age. A B C D

Sentence Structure consists of 30 questions. This test measures your knowledge of using complete sentences, placing modifiers correctly, and using subordination and coordination appropriately.

Directions: Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. Choice (A) is the same as the original sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose answer (A).

EXAMPLE: Ancient Greeks ate with their fingers, wiped them on pieces of bread, and tossed them to the dogs lying under the table.

A) tossed them
B) tossing them
C) tossed the bread
D) they tossed

Direction: Rewrite sentences in your head. You will be told exactly how to begin your new sentence. Keep in mind your new sentence should have the same meaning as the sentence given to you.

EXAMPLE: Being a successful female race car driver, she was often interviewed.

Rewrite, beginning with She was often interviewed...

A) on account she was
B) by her being
C) because she was
D) being as she was