

answer to the question. Answer the question on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage.

Sample Question 1

There are two types of pottery that I do. There is production pottery—mugs, tableware—the kinds of things that sell easily. These pay for my time to do the other work, which is more creative and satisfies my needs as an artist.

The author of the passage implies that

- a. artists have a tendency to waste valuable time
- b. creativity and mass-production are incompatible*
- c. most people do not appreciate good art
- d. pottery is not produced by creative artists

The correct answer is **creativity and mass-production are incompatible.*

The author of the passage implies that creativity and mass-production are incompatible.

In other questions, two underlined sentences are followed by a question or statement. Read the sentences, then choose the best answer to the question or the best completion of the statement.

Sample Question 2

The Midwest is experiencing its worst drought in fifteen years.

Corn and soybean prices are expected to be very high this year.

What does the second sentence do?

- a. It restates the idea found in the first.
- b. It states an effect.*
- c. It gives an example.
- d. It analyzes the statement made in the first.

*The correct answer is **It states an effect**.*

Testing Requirements

The following items are required to take the English Assessment test:

- A valid photo identification card, such as a driver's license, SMC student ID card, high school ID card, passport, resident alien ID card, or a military ID card.
- Your Santa Monica College six-digit student ID number

*If you are not a current SMC student, a testing fee will be issued (\$20 per test).

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For latest testing hours
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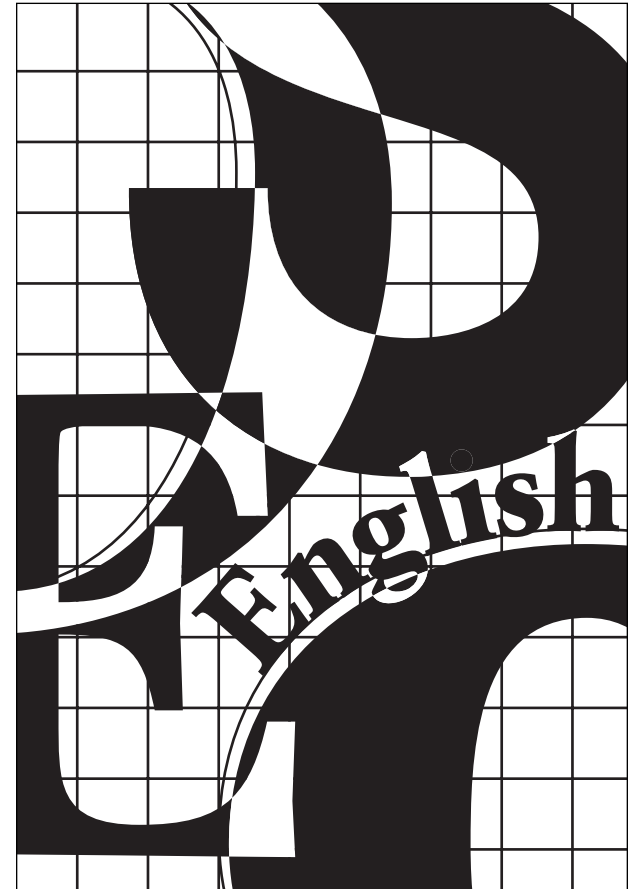
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English Assessment Test Samples



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General Information

• HOW DO I TAKE THE ASSESSMENT?

Assessment is conducted on a walk-in basis, first come, first served. Please note that during heavy testing periods there will be an extensive wait. Plan accordingly! You may contact the Assessment Center at (310) 434-8040 for testing hours.

• HOW LONG WILL THE ASSESSMENT TAKE?

Because the tests are adaptive to your skills, the English and/or ESL test may take approximately 1 to 1.5 hours to complete.

• COMPUTERIZED TESTING

We currently offer computerized English, ESL, and Math tests. However, under some circumstances you may be asked to take a paper-and-pencil test instead. For computer delivered tests, you will use either the keyboard or the mouse to enter your answers and supply other information. A Test Proctor will always be present should you have any questions or problems.

• ADAPTIVE TESTING

Each test is adaptive. This means that the computer automatically determines which questions are presented to you based on your responses to prior questions. This technique selects just the right questions to ask without being too easy or too difficult. Each test is untimed so that you can give each question as much thought as you wish. However, once you have selected and confirmed your answer, you cannot return to that question.

• ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

Each test consists of 15 to 25 questions. The questions appear one at a time on the computer screen. Most questions are multiple choice, and all you will need to do is use the “Enter” key or mouse to select an answer.

When you have completed the question and confirmed your answer, a new screen will appear with your next question.

• WHEN AND WHERE CAN I GET MY RESULTS?

Assessment results are usually available as soon as you complete your test. You may also be directed to return at a later time if technical difficulties are experienced, in which case you may pick them up

at the Assessment Center (LA-109).

Please note that your scores may not be input into our computer system for up to 48 hours. Be sure to have your copy when you meet with a counselor.



English Test Samples for Native Speakers

The English test consists of two sub-tests: Sentence Skills and Reading Comprehension. You must complete both tests to get a placement.

SENTENCE SKILLS TEST

This test measures your understanding of sentence structure—how sentences are put together and what makes a sentence complete and clear. Before you begin there will be two sample questions with the correct answers indicated. In some questions you will be asked to select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. The first choice is the same as the original. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first one.

Sample Question 1

Ms. Rose planning to teach a course in biology next summer.

- a. planning
- b. are planning
- c. with a plan
- d. plans*

*The correct answer is **plans**. The sentence should be “Ms. Rose *plans* to teach a course in biology next summer.”

In other questions you will be asked to rewrite a sentence in your head. You will be told how to begin your new sentence. Your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the sentence given you.

Sample Question 2

Being a female jockey, she was often interviewed.

- Rewrite, beginning with
- She was often interviewed...

The next words will be

- a. on account of she was
- b. by her being
- c. because she was*
- d. being as she was

*The correct answer is **because she was**. The sentence should be “She was often interviewed because she was a female jockey.”

READING COMPREHENSION TEST

This test measures your ability to understand what you read. Before you begin there will be two sample questions with the correct answers indicated. Some questions will ask you to read the statement or passage and then choose the best

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