

## 1: Placement Tests :: Northern Virginia Community College

*Students will receive their English, Math, and ESL placement results before leaving the Placement Center. For Chemistry, results are usually available online in business days via the student's Web Advisor account, under Test Summary.*

The entire English Placement Test is designed to be completed in 90 minutes, which requires an average of approximately 30 seconds per test item. This is sufficient time for most students to complete the test. There was agreement to the necessity of finding quick, reliable ways to identify students needing such work for survival in college, and to establish fair, uniform standards for measuring student abilities within a statewide university system in which writing requirements vary from campus to campus. There was also an agreement that teachers of college English had very little data on the writing skills of their new students in Freshman English classes. The Association decided, therefore, that one of its immediate tasks was the construction of a placement test whose content and standards would suit the particular needs of the University of Wisconsin System and would be completely determined by practicing classroom teachers of composition. This test would have as its major purpose the identification of those students who need immediate remedial help and, at the other end of the scale, those students who could justifiably be placed into advanced courses. Six instructors, from various UW System campuses, agreed to serve as the test construction committee. In a series of formalized meetings with the membership of the College Writing Association, and with members of their own and other English departments, the committee members collected and articulated the various opinions of their fellow teachers on the skills students ought to be able to display in writing and reading. The result of this work took the form of a list of problems generally identified as worth testing. At the same time, the committee attended workshops on test construction directed by a consultant from the Educational Testing Service, and in the following months met with the Office of Testing and Evaluation Services at UW-Madison to gain an understanding of statistical problems of validating and interpreting data. Thus prepared, the committee turned to its major tasks: The experimental form of this test was given to about 3, students in Through the use of statistical analysis, the test continues to be refined and improved so that it effectively distinguishes the students with the strongest language skills and the students with the weakest language skills from the general population of students. The entire English Placement Test is designed to be completed in 80 minutes, which requires an average of approximately 30 seconds per test item. Verb Problems - agreement, tense consistency and weak construction; Pronoun Problems - consistency, case, agreement and reference; Diction Problems - diction and idiom; Modifier Problems - adjective and adverb form, placement and comparison; Sentence Problems - fragment, comma fault, parallelism, subordination, punctuation for clarity, economy, word order and logic. English Usage items require a student to identify deviations from standard written American English. Sentence Correction items require a student to select the most effective expression from among five choices. The Reading Comprehension subtest requires students to demonstrate the ability to understand and interpret prose passages comparable to those they will read in college. These items specifically require students to comprehend the literal meaning, to interpret figurative language, to draw inferences from what they read, to recognize principles of organization and to identify the function of prominent stylistic features. English Usage Items Directions: Some of the following sentences contain an error in grammar, usage, punctuation, or word choice. Some sentences are correct. No sentence contains more than one error. You will find that the error, if there is one, is underlined and lettered. Assume that all other elements of the sentence are correct and cannot be changed. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English. If there is an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed in order to make the sentence correct and blacken the corresponding space on your answer sheet. If there is no error, mark the final answer space, E. Allan is afraid of the rain, he likes the thunder. A B C D E Because two sentences divided only by a comma create a comma fault, either a conjunction must be added or the punctuation must be changed to a period, a semicolon, or a dash. Therefore, C must be changed, and you would mark C on your answer sheet. Maria, who had just eaten, thought concerning having a candy bar or ice cream. A B C D E Because we do not generally

say "thought concerning," but "thought about," B must be changed, and you would mark B on your answer sheet. The following items are samples of the type used in the Usage section of the English Placement Test: The public is not so angry about corruption in government than it is disgusted with inflation. While inspecting the ranks, the officer seen that the new recruit had laid his rifle in the mud and gotten it dirty. How well the new comedy series does in the ratings depends almost entirely on its competition. Having enjoyed the scenery, the steamer next took us to Bird Isle, an island whose history was hardly known until Earl and me were left a legacy by an aunt who had always liked us both. A Sentence Correction Items Directions: This is a test of correctness and effectiveness of expression. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English; that is, pay attention to acceptable usage in grammar, word choice, sentence construction, and punctuation. Choose the answer that produces the most effective sentence -- clear and exact, without wordiness or ambiguity. Do not make a choice that changes the meaning of the original sentence. In each of the sentences of this section, one portion is underlined. Beneath each sentence you will find five ways of writing the underlined part; the first of these always repeats the original, and the other four are all different. If you think the original sentence is better than any of the suggested changes, choose the first answer A; otherwise, select the best revision and blacken the corresponding space on your answer sheet. Heavy smoking and to overeat are activities which a heart patient must forego. Heavy smoking and to overeat B. Smoking heavily and to overeat C. To smoke heavily and overeating D. Heavy smoking and overeating E. Smoking heavy and to overeat Because standard English requires the same grammatical form for two units connected by and, either smoking or to overeat must be changed to gain parallelism. Among the options offered, only the form Heavy smoking and overeating is parallel, and you would mark your answer sheet D. The following items are samples of those used in the Sentence Correction section of the English Placement Test: In the smaller towns of Wisconsin, where one can quickly walk to the greening hills of Spring. Coach Jones is a remarkable physical specimen: The swashbuckling hero was without moral convictions, acceptable manners, and he had little else in his favor. One method of ending discrimination in business and industry is to demand quotas to be met by employers. The correct answers for the above items are:

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Which part of the College Placement Test do I need to take? You should inquire at the testing and placement office of your community college for further information. How is the College Placement Test scored? The CPT test is used for placement purposes, so there are no pass or fail scores for the exam. However, if you get a low score on the test, you may have to take extra classes before or during your freshman year. Taking extra classes is best avoided because it may delay your graduation date, not to mention the obvious financial burden of the extra fees. So, to do your best on the exam, you need to know that the CPT test is a computer-adaptive placement test. You should therefore be really careful at the start of the test. If you answer too many questions incorrectly at the beginning, the computer will automatically begin to deliver easier questions that are worth fewer points, giving you a lower score. You may need to take only one part of the placement test, such as sentence skills or reading. If you are taking only one part of the test, the individual section will also be computer-adaptive, so take care when you select your answers. Your score will usually display on the computer monitor after you click on the submit button. You will need to be able to read a text in English and understand and identify both its main and specific points. You will also need to know the basics of English grammar and sentence construction skills. Sentence skills are assessed on three distinct parts of the English test: Reading skills are evaluated on the reading comprehension part of the exam. For further information on each part of the CPT English placement test, as well as free practice exercises, please visit our English section above. College Placement Test Practice - Math Tests The first math part of the examination covers arithmetic, basic algebra, and intermediate algebra. The second part of the math exam is the advanced math part, which is also called the college math test or the college-level math test. The advanced math part of the placement test consists of advanced algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. There will also be certain pre-calculus concepts on the college-level math test, such as imaginary numbers. Our math practice section offers free exercises, with illustrated solutions, for all of the math problems you will see on the test. Our practice tests explain each answer and provide you with feedback after each question. The feedback feature helps you acquire the necessary exam techniques and strategies for complete preparation for the College Placement Exam. In addition, have a look at our college placement download for math if you would like extra math practice before testing.

## 3: English Study Guide | Study Guides | Mesa Community College

*Revised 10/26/ English Placement Test Study Guide & Cut -Off Scores. Writing Sample. The English Placement Test will be administered on the computer.*

## 4: English, Reading and Math Study Guide - Assessment Center - Sacramento City College

*Studying for College Placement Tests (CPTs) involves working on practice tests, reviewing a study guide and learning testing strategies. You have the affordable opportunity to connect with an online Reading Comprehension and Writing Skills preparation program through TestPrep-Online.*

## 5: College Placement Test Study Guide

*For success on your placement test, you need practice tests, as well as a study guide that sums up the key points for the test. Our CPT study guide covers all five areas tested on the exam: sentence skills, reading comprehension, arithmetic, elementary algebra, and college-level math.*

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*Placement Test Study Guides. It is highly recommended that you prepare for placement testing, so the exams accurately reflect your placement in reading, writing, English, mathematics, and computer courses.*

## 7: Center for Placement Testing

*ESL & NC ESL. ESL - This study guide is to help you determine your current skill level in Reading and Grammar.. Non-Credit ESL Study Guide - The test itself is 30 minutes long, with an additional 15 minutes for instruction and a hour long orientation.*

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