

Academic English Placement Test Sample Test Items

WRITING PORTION

You will be asked to respond to a topic such as the one below. Your essay will be graded on grammatical correctness, vocabulary, content, and organization.

Topic:

Technology has affected our lives in a variety of ways. Describe ONE activity in your life which technology has affected. How did you do this activity before and how do you do it now with the new technology? Which way is better, in your opinion, and why?

You might consider technology's effects on one of the following, for example: personal relationships, driving, studying, money management, cooking, or eating.

READING PORTION

The Reading Test consists of two parts. Part 1 is a reading comprehension test containing 35 multiple-choice questions. Part 2 is a reading passage on which you fill in the word or phrase that is most appropriate. Samples of each type of item are given below.

Fill-in-the-blank:

My older brother is terrified _____ large insects

Answer: of

Reading Comprehension:

While I was getting ready to go down to town one morning last week, my wife handed me a little piece of red cloth and asked if I would have time during the day to buy her two yards of cloth like that. I told her I would be glad to do it. And, putting the piece of cloth into my pocket, I took the train for town.

1. The person telling the story is
 - a. a married woman
 - b. an unmarried woman
 - c. a married man
 - d. an unmarried man

2. The author was given a piece of red cloth...

- a. in the morning
- b. at noon

- c. in the afternoon
- d. in the evening

Answers: 1.c, 2.a