ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INFORMATION

Congratulations! You have just reserved your appointment for the ESL (English as a Second Language) placement test. Now you’re on your way to success!!! This exam will consist of three computer based tests (20 questions for each test), Reading Skills, Sentence Meaning, and Language Use. The entire testing process may take about 2 hours to complete (you will be given one hour to complete the test). Your placement result will be in one of the following ESL placements (or you can start at one level below your course placement): No Placement, ESL 001CE, ESL Civics 030, ESL 2, ESL 3, ESL 4, ESL 5, ESL 6, and ESL 8. If you wish to start at ESL 0 (or non-credit classes) (English as a Second Language level 0), please cancel your appointment by either going to the Assessment Office, 2nd floor Student Services Building, online at www.lacitycollege.edu, or call the office at (323) 953-4000, ext. 2264; from there please go to the Workforce Education Office (EWD building) or call at (323) 953-4000, ext. 2230 for more information regarding non-credit ESL classes.

The test will consist of 3 parts (computer based)-Reading Skills, Sentence Meaning, and Language Use. You will have one hour to complete the test. Listed below are examples for each test. For other examples you can go to the link below:


Examples:

**ACCUPLACER ESL Reading Skills Test**

The English-As-A-Second Language (ESL) Reading Skills test, comprised of 20 questions, measures a student's ability to read English through the comprehension of short passages.

Television has been introduced to almost every country in the world, reaching a large number of viewers on every continent. About 600 million people saw the first person walk on the moon, and a billion people watched the twentieth Olympic Games. Television has in many ways promoted understanding and cooperation among people. It does this by showing educational and cultural programs.

From this passage, a reader can conclude that the author believes that
A. people spend too much time watching television
B. not every country needs to have television
C. television can unify people from around the world
D. television is as important as schools

Answer: A
**ACCUPLACER ESL Sentence Meaning Test**

The English-As-A-Second Language (ESL) Sentence Meaning test, comprised of 20 questions, measures how well students understand the meaning of sentences in English.

*The sentence below has a blank space. Choose the word or phrase that makes the sentence meaningful and correct.*

1. Shikibu Murasaki, who wrote almost a thousand years ago, was one of the world’s _______ novelists.
   A. most early
   B. too early
   C. more early
   D. earliest

Answer: D

**ACCUPLACER ESL Language Use Test**

The English-As-A-Second Language (ESL) Language Use test, comprised of 20 questions, measures a student's proficiency in using correct grammar in English Sentences.

*The sentence below has a blank space. Choose the word or phrase that makes a grammatically correct sentence.*

1. _______washing her sweater, Mary hung it up to dry.
   A. After
   B. Before
   C. By
   D. Until

Answer: A

Please take this test seriously. The placement result is valid for a period of one year from the date that you took your test. To challenge your ESL course placement result, you can: 1) Wait a year from the date you took the test to retake it or 2) Please go to English/ESL department at Jefferson Hall 301 and ask if you are able to take the ESL challenge exam. The department will make the determination to either approve or not the challenge to the placement. At this moment, you are considered a student of Los Angeles City College and are subject to the college’s guidelines of conduct. Once the test has started, you may not talk to anyone or pass or refer to notes since this is considered cheating. If you are caught cheating, your testing materials will be collected from you and you will be asked to leave the testing site. Your case will then be referred to our campus discipline officer. If you have questions regarding the ESL placement test, please do not hesitate to call our office at (323) 953-4000, extension 2264.