Information Insert 001(a) - ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST REQUIREMENT

The English Language Proficiency Test is used to assess whether Applicants to undergraduate degree programmes at the UWI Mona campus possess a satisfactory level of writing and reading proficiency in English for university academic purposes. Test results will be taken into consideration by individual faculties before offers of entry are made. Applicants who select a Mona faculty as a second choice faculty only are also required to sit this test. The results of applicants who pass the test will remain valid for a period of five years.

TEST DATES

Tests for the 2011/12 academic year will take place on the following dates:
Friday, December 2, 2011
Friday, February 3, 2012.
Friday, March 9, 2012
Monday, April 30, 2012
Friday July 6, 2012
Wednesday, August 8, 2012

1) EXEMPTIONS

Applicants in the following categories (a-f) are NOT required to sit the test:

a) Holders of any ONE of the following English Language qualifications:
   (i) Grade 1- Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) English A examination
   (ii) Grade A in:
        ▪ General Certificate of Examinations (GCE) O Level English Language Examination
        ▪ GCE A/O Level General Paper examination
   (iii) Grades 1or 2 - Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) Communication Studies.
   (iv) Grade B+ or above in any of the following:
        ▪ College English Skills I or II- College of Bahamas
        ▪ Advanced Communication or Business Communication -University of Technology (UTECH)
        ▪ Freshman Composition I or II- Northern Caribbean University (NCU).
        ▪ College English II – The Mico University College
   (v) International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (academic test only).
       An overall score of at least 7 with scores of at least 6.5 in reading and listening and scores of at least 7 in writing and speaking is required.
   (vi) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). An overall score of 103 with scores of at least 23 in listening, 24 in reading, 28 in writing and 28 in speaking.
   (vii) The Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT). An over all score of 500 and above in the writing section.
   (viii) Advanced Placement English Language grade 3 and above.

b) Persons who are already holders of an undergraduate degree from the UWI or from a UWI approved university, and persons with a Grade A in a college English course from an approved university.

c) Persons holding a UWI Certificate in Advanced Nursing Education and Administration OR a UWI Licentiate of Theology.

d) Persons who have passed the UWI Mass Communications course ‘Media & Language’ (MC52A)

Persons who successfully completed any ONE of the following UWI English Language courses within the last five years (i.e. 2007 onwards): UC010; UC10A; UC10B; UC10C; UC10D; UC10L; UC10H; UC120; FD10A; CM10A; CM10B; FD10C; FD10H.

2) TEST REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

i. Pay $2,500.00 at any National Commercial Bank.  
   (Ask for the PROFICIENCY TEST VOUCHER at the bank.)

ii. Register online at the website listed below by following the instructions.
   www.mona.uwi.edu/dllp/language/elptu/.

iii. A Test Preparation booklet with more details on the test will be automatically sent to your email on completion of registration.

If the specified voucher is unavailable at the bank:

i. complete a cash deposit voucher – the account number is 402610832

ii. after paying, FAX the voucher to 970-2949 – Attention ELPTU- so that you may be assigned a voucher number in order to register for the test on line (Originals must be brought to the test). Please include a contact number with your fax.

IMPORTANT!

1. Please PRINT your Acknowledgement Letter. Letters of acknowledgement, along with photographic identification, MUST be taken to the test centre on the day of the test. The NUMBER on the Acknowledgement Letter represents the Candidate’s official TEST REGISTRATION NUMBER and should be written on the test script. Candidates will need this Number (which will be recorded on the receipt issued to them on completion of the test) in order to access their test results. (Should candidates lose their test receipt, they will be required to pay the administrative cost attached to verifying their test registration number.) Test results will be made available on the website six weeks from the date of the test.

2. Please print or download your Test Preparation booklet from the link which will be sent directly to the email address provided.

3) TEST FORMAT

Writing: Task One- Candidates will write a 300 word essay in which they will provide information and ideas on a topic of general interest.

Task Two- Candidates will write 250-300 words describing numerical data contained in a table or in some form of graphical illustration.

Reading:- Candidates will read one or more passages and answer alternative/multiple choice questions concerning any or all of the following: main idea/ secondary ideas; writer’s attitude/tone/primary intention; literal and figurative meaning; explicit and implied meaning; organizational structure.

Grammar:- Candidates will answer alternative/ multiple choice questions on any or all of the following : a) Grammar of the Simple Sentence  
   b) Grammar of Complex/Compound Sentences  
   c) Idiomatic Usage (diction)  
   d) Idiomatic Usage (structures)  
   e) Writing Mechanics & Spelling