ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST INFORMATION GUIDE
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University of the West Indies
Mona Campus

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST REQUIREMENT

The English Language Proficiency Test is used to assess whether persons applying to pursue undergraduate degree programmes at the UWI Mona campus possess a satisfactory level of writing and reading proficiency in English for university academic purposes. Applicants’ 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 2008/09 academic year will take place on the following dates:
Friday November 23, 2007
Friday January 11, 2008
Friday, February 1, 2008.
Friday March 7, 2008.

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

a) Persons with any ONE of the following English Language qualifications:
   (i) Grade 1 - CXC English A examination
   (ii) Grade A - GCE O Level English Language examination
   (iii) Grade A - GCE A/O Level General Paper examination
   (iv) Grades 1&2 - CAPE (Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination) Communication Studies
   (v) Grade B+ or above- College English Skills I or II- College of Bahamas
   (vi) Grade B+ or above- Advanced Communication or Business Communication University of Technology (UTECH)
   (vii) Grade B+ or above- Freshman Composition I or II- Northern Caribbean University (NCU)

b) Persons who are already holders of an undergraduate degree from the UWI or from an approved university, and persons with a Grade B or above 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 holding a UWI Diploma in Mass Communications who have passed the course ‘Media & Language’ (MC52A)

e) Persons who successfully completed any ONE of the following UWI English Language courses within the last five years (i.e. 2003 onwards): UC010; UC10A; UC10B; UC10C; UC10D; UC10L; UC10H; UC120; FD10A; CM10A; CM10B; FD10C; FD10H.

2) **TEST REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

To register for the test, candidates are required to pay $2,000.00 (the cost of the test) at any participating branch of the National Commercial Bank (NCB) [These are listed in the UWI Application Advertisement that appears in the newspaper].

Applicants may choose one of the following procedures to register for the test:

**EITHER**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**

i Pay $2,000.00 at any National Commercial Bank or Pay Online.
(Ask for the **PROFICIENCY TEST VOUCHER** at the bank.)

ii. To pay and register online, follow the instructions at [www.mona.uwi.edu/dllp/language/elptu/](http://www.mona.uwi.edu/dllp/language/elptu/).

iii Overseas candidates are required to pay US$30.00. **ONLY** Manager’s Cheques will be accepted. These should be sent by **registered mail** to the English Language Proficiency Test Unit, Dept. of Language, Linguistics and Philosophy, UWI Mona, Kingston 7, Jamaica.

**OR**

**DOWNLOAD** Test Registration Form at [www.mona.uwi.edu/dllp/language/elptu/](http://www.mona.uwi.edu/dllp/language/elptu/)

i Pay $2,000.00 at any National Commercial Bank or Pay Online.
(Ask for the **PROFICIENCY TEST VOUCHER** at the bank.)

ii Do EITHER (a) OR (b)

(a) **FAX** the payment receipt and the **completed** Test Registration form to (876)970-2949 – Attn. ELPTU (Originals **must** be brought to the test)

**OR**

(b) **SUBMIT** the payment receipt and the completed Test Registration form to the Department of Language, Linguistics and Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities and Education, Rm 16, UWI, Mona Campus, Mon - Fri (9 am - 6pm). Tel (876) 927-1641 or (876) 970-2950 or email: elptu@uwimona.edu.jm

**IMPORTANT!**

Letters of confirmation, **along with photographic identification**, **MUST** be taken to the test centre on the day of the test.

The **ONLINE REGISTRATION NUMBER** on the Test Registration Form 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.)

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

**Test information pamphlets** with more details on the test are available from Room 16, The English Language Proficiency Test Unit, Dept. of Language, Linguistics and Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities and Education, UWI Mona, Tel. (876) 927-1641 or (876) 970-2950. or email: elptu@uwimona.edu.jm

(Cost: JA $250.00- to be paid at the UWI Mona NCB Bank -Ask for the PROFICIENCY TEST VOUCHER at the bank)