TEST INFORMATION GUIDE

University of the West Indies
Mona Campus

Information Insert 001(a)-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 28, 2008
Friday February 6, 2009
Friday March 13, 2009.
Thursday April 28, 2009
Friday June 19, 2009
Friday August 7, 2009

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)


f) Persons who successfully completed any ONE of the following UWI English Language courses within the last five years (i.e. 2004 onwards): UC010; UC10A; UC10B; UC10C; UC10D; UC10L; UC10H; UC120; FD10A; CM10A; CM10B; FD10C; FD10H.

g) Nationals of non-contributing Caribbean countries and the Turks and Caicos Islands. However, these persons are required to sit a diagnostic test at Mona upon acceptance to the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. (UWI contributing countries: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St.Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St.Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago.)

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].

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

ii. To register, follow the instructions at 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.
The test may only be done in Jamaica or any of the UWI contributing countries at the dates indicated. (UWI contributing countries: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago.)

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)
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