

ESL - LOEP

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Sample Questions for Students

Community College of Aurora Testing Information -

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Testing Hours	CentreTech Testing Center* Administration Bldg. Rm 205	Lowry Student Services West Quad 119
	Full LOEP tests must begin 3 hours before closing time LOEP Sections: WritePlacer 2 hours/Other 1 hour	Full LOEP tests must begin 3 hours before closing time LOEP Sections: WritePlacer 2 hours/Other 1 hour
Mondays	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Tuesdays	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Wednesdays	9:00 am – 7:00 pm	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Thursdays	9:00 am – 5:00 pm*	8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Fridays	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturdays	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Closed

If your test is not completed by closing time, you will have to return to finish. (Cannot return for WritePlacer)

*The CentreTech testing center will remain open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays during peak registration times between approximately July 15th and August 31st and between approximately December 15th and January 31st.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is the LOEP?** LOEP stands for Levels of English Proficiency.
- **Why do I need to take LOEP?** Your LOEP scores will help you and your academic advisor decide what classes you will take as you begin your study at CCA. Your results will be shown on a computer printout for you after you finish your test.
- **Can I fail this test?** This is not a pass or fail test. The scores will tell you what level of English classes will be best for you.
- **How long will this test take?** Each student is different, but plan on **3 hours** for the full LOEP.
- **Does this test cost money?** You may take this test free the first time.
- **Can I retest?** Yes. You may retest after a minimum of 3 days (2 weeks recommended). Each retest costs \$5 per section. You may only retest one time within any 3 year period.
- **Do these scores expire?** Yes. After 5 years you must retest, and pay for the test again.

PREPARING FOR THE TEST

Relax! The LOEP English test is designed to help you succeed in school. The test will show your academic strengths and weaknesses so that an advisor can tell you what level classes can give you the help you need to improve your English skills in ways that support your future learning.

Before the Test Day:

- Use this study guide, and the web resources listed at the back of this packet.
- Get plenty of rest and eat properly before you take the test.

The Day of the Test:

- Bring your identification and student number.
- Arrive early so that you can find the testing center, check-in and be ready to think in English.
- Before you start the test, be sure you understand the directions.
- **Helpful Information:** If you are not used to using a computer, there is a “Tutorial choice” on the computer at the beginning of the test. Use this to practice before you begin the test. You can practice how to: 1) use the mouse and keyboard, 2) take a multiple-choice test, and 3) take an essay test.
- Choose the **best** answer and click on the circle next to your choice. Click “SUBMIT” at the bottom of the screen. You may need to move the mouse down to see all of the answer choices.
- After you submit your answer, you will then need to confirm it. You will click on “OK” if you are sure of your answer choice or click “CANCEL” if you want to change your answer. You can change as many times as you wish.
- After you confirm you cannot change your answer. Your answer is your final answer.

After the Test:

- You will receive reports with your scores automatically (the WritePlacer may take up to 24 hours).
- You will see an advisor about your scores and how to move forward.

If you have a problem or question during the test, raise your hand and the test administrator will help you. Although they cannot answer test questions for you, they can help with other types of problems.

ACCUPLACER® - LOEP Language Use: Test Description & Sample Questions

Number of Questions: 20 | **Time:** no time limit (~30 minutes average) | **Minimum Score:** 55 to continue test.

Language Use measures your understanding of English grammar in sentences. There are two types of questions: fill-in the blank and combining two sentences. The sentences are about many different subjects.

Sample Questions

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
2. Some day men and women _____ to Mars.
 - A. will travel
 - B. will travels
 - C. will traveling
 - D. will traveled
3. Water _____ at a temperature of zero degrees Celsius.
 - A. having frozen
 - B. freezing
 - C. freeze
 - D. freezes
4. _____ get a new haircut?
 - A. Have you
 - B. Does you
 - C. Are you
 - D. Did you
5. Jacques Cousteau will be remembered for his inventions and for _____ to marine science.
 - A. dedication
 - B. his dedication
 - C. being dedicated
 - D. his being dedicated
6. Since my parents always insist that I get a good night's sleep, they were _____ when I stayed out last night past my curfew.
 - A. very happy
 - B. very relieved
 - C. very tired
 - D. very angry
7. _____ children learn to read, whole new worlds and experiences open up to them.
 - A. Before
 - B. Since
 - C. Until
 - D. After
8. When _____ get to the hotel?
 - A. have we
 - B. will we
 - C. did we
 - D. are we
9. Galileo is most famous _____ that the Earth revolves around the sun, rather than the other way around.
 - A. for having discovered
 - B. for discovery
 - C. his discovery
 - D. in discovering
10. Men and women sometimes have difficulty understanding each other because _____ differently.
 - A. they communicate
 - B. they communicated
 - C. they have communicated
 - D. they communicates
11. Because she had practiced so hard for the gymnastics competition, Stacey was _____ when she achieved a nearly perfect score.
 - A. disappointed
 - B. tired
 - C. victorious
 - D. thrilled
12. _____ can speak more than one language, you have the opportunity to make more new friends.
 - A. So you
 - B. As you
 - C. When you
 - D. Though you
13. Light _____ than sound, which is why you see lightening before you hear the thunder.
 - A. travelling faster
 - B. travels faster
 - C. having travelled faster
 - D. will travel faster

Read the two sentences below and choose the best way of combining them.

14. Her puppy ran out into the street chasing a cat. The owner quickly went to retrieve it.
 - A. The owner quickly went to retrieve it after a cat was chased into the street by her puppy.
 - B. The owner quickly retrieved it after her puppy chased a cat into the street.
 - C. When her puppy ran into the street after a cat, the owner quickly went to retrieve the puppy.
 - D. Quickly retrieving it, the owner went quickly after her puppy that ran out into the street after a cat.
15. Lisa plays the piano. Her sister Kelly plays the piano, too.
 - A. Lisa and her sister Kelly plays the piano.
 - B. Both Lisa and her sister Kelly play the piano.
 - C. Lisa plays the piano and Kelly plays the piano.
 - D. Lisa and Kelly too play the piano.
16. The road was slippery. We put chains on the tires.
 - A. Although the road was slippery, we put chains on the tires.
 - B. The road became slippery when we put chains on the tires.
 - C. We put chains on the tires because the road was slippery.
 - D. Putting chains on the tires, the road we were on was slippery.
17. Kazuko took her dog for a walk. They went to the park.
 - A. Kazuko, going to the park, took her dog for a walk.
 - B. Kazuko took her dog for a walk in the park.
 - C. Kazuko took her dog for a walk because they went to the park.
 - D. Kazuko and her dog went to the park, where they walked.
18. We knew it might get chilly at the football game. We brought along some extra blankets.
 - A. We knew it might get chilly at the football game when we brought along some extra blankets.
 - B. Bringing along some extra blankets, we knew it might get chilly at the football game.
 - C. We brought along some extra blankets because it might get chilly at the football game.
 - D. It got chilly at the football game and we brought along some extra blankets.
19. Juan loves to play baseball. His friend Miguel enjoys baseball too.
 - A. Both Juan and his friend Miguel enjoy playing baseball.
 - B. Juan and his friend Miguel enjoys playing baseball.
 - C. Juan enjoys playing baseball and his friend Miguel too.
 - d. Juan loves baseball and Miguel too enjoys baseball.
20. Wolves are pack animals. They are rarely spotted alone.
 - A. Wolves are rarely spotted alone if they are pack animals.
 - B. Being pack animals, wolves are rarely spotted alone.
 - C. After being pack animals, wolves are rarely spotted alone.
 - D. Wolves are rarely spotted alone, although they are pack animals.
21. My aunt invited me to lunch. We went to her favorite restaurant.
 - A. My aunt and I went to her favorite restaurant, when she invited me to lunch.
 - B. My aunt invited me to lunch because we went to her favorite restaurant.
 - C. My aunt invited me to lunch at her favorite restaurant.
 - D. My aunt, going to her favorite restaurant, invited me to lunch.
22. It was snowing heavily. Jorge still wished his father would let him drive into town.
 - A. Even though it was snowing heavily, Jorge wished his father would let him drive into town.
 - B. Because it was snowing heavily, Jorge wished his father would let him drive into town.
 - C. Jorge wished his father would let him drive into town as it was snowing heavily.
 - D. Jorge wished his father would let him drive into town; nevertheless it was snowing heavily.
23. Do not pour your own drink when eating in a restaurant in Japan. It is considered impolite.
 - A. Because it is considered impolite, do not pour your own drink when eating in a restaurant in Japan.
 - B. In Japan, do not pour your own drink when eating in a restaurant if it is considered impolite.
 - C. Pouring your own drink is considered impolite in Japan in a restaurant, so you should not do it.
 - D. Do not pour your own drink when eating in a restaurant in Japan while it is considered impolite.

LOEP Language Use - Answer Key:

#	Answer	#	Answer	#	Answer
1	A	9	A	17	B
2	A	10	A	18	C
3	D	11	D	19	A
4	D	12	C	20	B
5	B	13	B	21	C
6	D	14	C	22	A
7	D	15	B	23	A
8	B	16	C		

ACCUPLACER® - LOEP WritePlacer: Test Description & Sample Questions

Number of words: 300-600 words for 1 topic | **Time:** 90 minutes | **Minimum Score:** *You must score a minimum of 1 on this test to continue to Part 2. Since this is a writing test, you may not get your score for 24 hours, but you may continue to Part 2 (Reading and Listening) if you want.*

You will be given a topic to write about. Write several paragraphs about the topic and remember to only write about the topic. You will have 90 minutes to write your paragraphs. Make sure you write between 300 - 600 words. There is a word counter and a timer that you can see on the computer screen (see screen examples below). Read the directions carefully before you begin. You may not use any books, papers or reference materials during the test. Make sure you review your writing and make any changes that will improve your essay.

Your score will depend on these skills:

- ✓ **Word Use** – The extent to which you are able to use a wide range of words and phrases accurately.
- ✓ **Sentence Use** - The extent to which you are able to use a variety of sentence patterns with both independent and dependent clauses.
- ✓ **Grammar** - The extent to which you are able to express ideas using grammatically correct English.
- ✓ **Organization and Development** - The extent to which you are able to focus on the assigned topic and to develop ideas clearly.

Sample ESL WritePlacer Passages and Assignments

Practice writing 300-600 word essays using the samples below.

Sample 1:

- *Passage:* Holidays are an important part of life all over the world. Describe your favorite holiday in your country.
- *Assignment:* Explain why you like it.

Sample 2:

- *Passage:* Many people live with dogs, cats and other animals.
- *Assignment:* What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of owning a pet?

Sample 3:

- *Passage:* Obesity is a growing problem for children in the United States.
- *Assignment:* What can parents do to help their children lose weight?

Sample 4

- *Passage:* There are many activities people enjoy on the weekend.
- *Assignment:* Describe what you like to do when you have free time. Explain why you enjoy these activities.

This is what the test will look like. See below for Sample Passages and Assignments.

ESL WritePlacer

[Instructions](#)
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Passage

A woman recently received an inheritance of \$25 million from an unknown, distant relative. She cannot decide what to do: spend it, save it, or give most of it away.



Assignment

If you suddenly received a large sum of money, what would you do with it?

Plan and write a multi-paragraph essay (300-600 words) in which you develop your point of view on the above question. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

Word Count

Word Count: 0 Character Count: 0



Submit Essay

1. Watch the **Clock** in the upper right-hand corner. You only have one hour and 30 minutes to complete this test.
2. Read the **“Passage,”** and follow the instructions in the **“Assignment”**
3. Type in the box, and check your **Word Count** by clicking on the “Word Count” box. Be sure not to look at the Character Count.
4. After you have completed your essay, and you have taken time to edit and revise, click, **“Submit Essay.”** Once you submit your essay, you cannot return to it.

*Please ask for the “WritePlacer ESL Guide with Sample Essays” for more information about how ACCUPLACER would score this assignment.

**ACCUPLACER® - LOEP Reading Skills:
Test Description & Sample Questions**

Number of Questions: 20 | **Time:** no time limit (~30 minutes average) | **Minimum Score:** 50 to continue to Listening.

You will read some sentences and then answer questions about the reading. The reading will be about many different topics. You may read about the arts, science, or history. Some parts have 1 question and some have 2 questions. There will be four choices of answers, but only one answer is correct. There are two sample questions at the beginning of the “Reading Skills” section to give you some practice.

Sample Questions

1. 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
2. Janet’s parents bought her a new sports car as a birthday present. It was blue. Janet sold her 7-year-old blue pickup truck to a high school student. The truck could not go very fast, but the student was happy with it.

From the passage, which of these statements can the reader assume?

- A. Janet prefers trucks to cars.
- B. Janet likes the color blue.
- C. Janet owns more than one vehicle.
- D. Janet drives her car every day.

3. Some of Edward Weston’s black-and-white photographs of American nature scenes are considered superb examples of visual art. Indeed, some of his photographs have commanded top prices at art galleries.

Which of the following best characterizes Weston’s photographs?

- A. They belong to famous collectors.
 - B. They have been sold in art galleries for large sums of money.
 - C. They introduced many Americans to visual art.
 - D. They contrast American cities with natural settings.
4. Speaking to a group of people can be a frightening experience. Some speakers cope by looking above the heads of the audience. Others try to imagine that they are talking to a friend. A few try picturing the audience in some non-threatening way, such as in their pajamas.

The author of the passage assumes that speakers should

- A. feel comfortable when addressing an audience.
 - B. scare the audience.
 - C. encourage people to talk during the speech.
 - D. speak only to familiar people.
5. People have different ways of learning. Some are better at making mental pictures of new ideas. Others are more comfortable with writing lists of things to memorize. Certain people can learn best when listening to music, while others need silence to concentrate.

Which of the following is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Mental pictures help many to learn.
- B. Some people prefer lists to making mental pictures.
- C. To learn well you need to be comfortable.
- D. Different individuals have different ways of acquiring information.

6. Before giving first aid to an accident victim, you should obtain his or her consent. Asking for consent takes a simple question. Say to the victim, "I know first aid, and I can help you until an ambulance arrives. Is that okay?"

"Asking for consent" means asking for

- A. permission to help the victim.
 - B. thanks from the victim.
 - C. help from onlookers.
 - D. information about the victim's injuries.
7. Jane and Paul are busy for 15 hours a day, 5 days a week going to college and working in a restaurant. They go to sleep at 11 p.m. every day, but on Sunday they take part in dance lessons.
- According to the passage, Jane and Paul spend most of their time
- A. at home.
 - B. going to college and working.
 - C. taking part in dance lessons.
 - D. sleeping.
8. If you hold a piece of copper wire over the flame of a match, heat will be conducted by the copper wire to your fingers, and you will be forced to drop the wire. You will, however, still be able to hold the match because the match is a poor conductor of heat. Anyone, child or adult, can try this simple experiment.

Which of the following is implied in the passage above?

- A. Copper is a good conductor of heat.
 - B. A match and copper conduct heat equally.
 - C. A match is an excellent conductor of heat.
 - D. Matches should be kept out of the reach of small children.
9. Many people own different pets. Dogs, cats, birds, and fish are common household pets. Others pets are considered to be exotic animals. These include snakes, lizards, and hedgehogs.
- Snakes are
- A. uncommon pets.
 - B. likely to be found in a household with dogs.
 - C. found only in zoos.
 - D. not allowed in people's homes.
10. Cesar Chavez was an influential leader for farmworkers. He fought for their rights and better working conditions. Chavez led many strikes that angered farm owners. Eventually he succeeded in getting increased wages and improved living situations for farmworkers.

Chavez changed lives because he

- A. helped the farmers get more workers.
- B. worked for the farmers.
- C. helped work on the farms every day.
- D. changed the conditions for the farmworkers.

11. When cartoonist Charles M. Schulz was a boy in elementary school, other boys teased him for being small and not very good at sports, and his art teacher told him he had no talent for drawing. He had few friends, and was too shy to talk to a red-haired girl he admired. Later in life, Schulz used his childhood experiences in his comic strip "Peanuts," using the strip's main character, the sad and lonely Charlie Brown, to represent himself as a little boy. "Peanuts" was unique at the time because it contained no adult characters. Readers fell in love with Charlie Brown, and "Peanuts" eventually became one of the most popular comic strips of all time.

What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. "Peanuts" was the world's most widely read comic strip.
 - B. Charles M. Schulz was a very famous cartoonist.
 - C. Schulz turned the pain of his youth into fame as an adult.
 - D. The "Peanuts" comic strip featured children as its only characters.
12. Money has existed for thousands of years in nearly every culture as a means of exchange. However, today, the use of cash is becoming less and less common in modern societies all over the world. Every year, a higher percentage of purchases is made online, and even in stores customers are now using credit cards more often than cash. Many people today do all of their banking on the Internet rather than going to the bank in person.

The author of the passage probably assumes that

- A. cash will become virtually obsolete in the near future
 - B. using cash will become popular again
 - C. paying with credit cards all the time is dangerous
 - D. societies that do business online will prosper
13. Insomnia — the inability to fall asleep or to stay asleep — is a condition that plagues many people at one time or another in their lives. It can be uncomfortable, but is usually not harmful, and most people who believe they have been awake all night have actually slept more than they think. While some people rely on prescription medication to help them sleep, insomnia can be controlled by changing behavior. Insomnia is often caused by stress or anxiety, but it can also be made worse by eating too heavily too late; consuming a lot of caffeine; or watching television, using computers or exercising right before bedtime. If you can't sleep, the best thing to do is to get out of bed and do something calming for a while, such as read, until you feel sleepy. Some people find that herbal tea such as chamomile helps them feel drowsy.

The author believes that people can best combat insomnia by

- A. trying to sleep
- B. taking medication
- C. accepting their condition
- D. changing their habits

14. Before giving first aid to an accident victim, you should obtain his or her consent. Asking for consent takes a simple question. Say to the victim, "I know first aid, and I can help until an ambulance arrives. Is that okay?"

According to the passage, it is wrong to

- A. use first aid on an accident victim without medical training
 - B. attempt to help an accident victim without permission
 - C. help a victim before an ambulance arrives
 - D. call for an ambulance instead of helping the victim
15. Dr. Ellen Ochoa is an inventor and is also the first female Hispanic astronaut. Her inventions include technology to help robots to inspect equipment in space to maintain safety and quality control on spacecraft. Before retiring, she logged more than 1,000 hours in space across several space missions.

Dr. Ochoa is

- A. the first Hispanic person to travel into space
 - B. the first inventor to travel into space
 - C. the first woman to travel into space
 - D. the first Hispanic woman to travel into space
16. Dogs and cats make very different types of pets. Before deciding whether to buy or adopt a dog or a cat, prospective owners need to carefully consider their own lifestyles and personalities. Dogs may make more affectionate companions, but they require more care and attention. They must be taken out several times a day and should not be left alone for more than a few hours. Larger dogs require significant exercise to remain fit and healthy. Cats are usually more independent in nature and interact less with their owners. Also, a cat can be left on its own all day, or even for several days, as long as it has food and clean water to drink.

From this passage a reader can conclude that

- A. owning a cat requires less work than owning a dog
 - B. people who travel a lot should not own a cat
 - C. people who like to play with their pets should own a cat
 - D. owning a cat is more responsibility than owning a dog
17. People's moods are largely a matter of focus. It is a natural tendency of many people to focus on what is wrong in their lives, or on the day-to-day events that make them angry or irritated. However, anyone can change this by directing the mind. When feeling down or upset, a person can change his or her state of mind by recalling happy memories, by paying attention to the things for which he or she is grateful, or by directing the attention to something uplifting or beautiful, such as artwork, nature or music. By directing the mind in this way, a person can transform his or her mood in an instant, even if none of the outward circumstances have changed.

Which of the following is implied by the passage above?

- A. People's moods are determined by the conditions around them.
- B. People can take responsibility for controlling their own moods.
- C. A person's mood depends on what happens to him or her that day.
- D. People are usually in a good mood unless something happens to change it.


LOEP Reading Skills - Answer Key:

#	Answer	#	Answer	#	Answer
1	C	7	B	13	D
2	B	8	A	14	B
3	B	9	A	15	D
4	A	10	D	16	A
5	D	11	C	17	B
6	A	12	A		


ACCUPLACER® - LOEP Listening: Test Description & Sample Questions

1. You will put on headphones and you may need to adjust the volume.
2. Be ready to listen right away! As soon as each new question appears on the screen, the computer will start playing the “Conversation or Lecture” right away.
3. PLAY buttons
 - Listen to the whole test for the first time before you press any of the “Play” buttons.
 - You may replay any item of the test with a “PLAY” button on the right side.
 - To replay any part of the test, click the “PLAY” button with the mouse.
 - **You can listen to it only two more times, so listen carefully.**
4. There is only one best answer to each question.

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Instructions
First, listen to the conversation and the question that follows. Then, choose the best answer and click on the appropriate button. When you are finished, press the SUBMIT button.



CONVERSATION OR LECTURE Play

QUESTION Play

☐ Apple Play

☐ Pineapple Play

☒ Grape Play

☐ Mango Play

Submit