



English as a Second Language

Practice Questions & Exam Information



ESL Assessment Exam Information and Guidelines

Students must make an ESL exam appointment. Always arrive to your appointment **15 minutes early with a photo ID**. We **cannot** admit late arrivals. There are 75 questions on the ESL assessment exam and you will have 45 minutes to answer as many questions as you can. Please remember that it is NOT a PASS/FAIL exam and you DO NOT need to finish all questions to receive placement into an ESL class. Do the easy questions first, then go back and try to answer any questions that you may have skipped. Dictionaries or English translators are not allowed. The session will last 3 hours; 1 hour for check-in and testing and 2 hour advisement session with a counselor to explain your placements.

SAMPLE SCANTRON ANSWER: Use a number #2 pencil to mark all answers on the Scantron answer form. If you need to change an answer, be sure to erase your first mark completely before you mark the new answer. Please do not mark any answers in your test booklet. Please turn your booklet into the test administrator if it has any answers marked in it. Bubble in all answers like the example below.

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ESL Practice Exam Information:

The following examples are similar to the questions you will be asked to answer on the ESL assessment exam. Read the practice stories below and select the best word to complete the sentence or conversation. Remember, only one answer is correct. The answer key is located on the reverse side of this document.

Practice Exam 1:

Jim and Mary are friends. They want a job in a bookstore. Mr. Smith is the bookstore owner.

MR. SMITH: Good afternoon. My name Mr. Smith.

1. A. are
B. is
C. am
D. was

JIM: Jim and name is Mary. **MR. SMITH:** Nice to you.

2. A. I'm
B. I
C. Me
D. Mine

3. A. his
B. she
C. my
D. her

4. A. meet
B. greet
C. like
D. talk

MARY: We looking for jobs. **MR. SMITH:** you have any experience

5. A. is
B. want
C. are
D. am

6. A. Does
B. Do
C. Are
D. Is

in a bookstore? **JIM:** Yes, I some experience. I for two years.

7. A. am
B. do
C. have
D. has

8. A. was
B. worked
C. working
D. works

Practice Exam Questions continued

MR. SMITH: What did you 9. A. do
B. does
C. did
D. are ? **JIM:** I 10. A. was
B. is
C. want
D. sell a cashier, but I am not

11. A. work
B. will work
C. working
D. worked now. **MARY:** I 12. A. help
B. helping
C. helped
D. will help my father in his restaurant 13. A. from
B. to
C. in
D. for one year.

MR. SMITH: When 14. A. can
B. are
C. is
D. be you work? What days are you 15. A. upset
B. angry
C. hungry
D. free ?

Practice Exam 2:

John is a student. 1. A. He
B. He's
C. She
D. Him studies English. He 2. A. is
B. go
C. likes
D. happy his class.

His teacher is very 3. A. work.
B. school.
C. good.
D. day. John works 4. A. some
B. little
C. also
D. very hard in class.

John has 5. A. some
B. bad
C. poor
D. good grades because of his hard work. Good grades lead 6. A. has
B. to
C. from
D. go student

success and a college degree. John 7. A. can
B. has
C. also
D. makes get a good job with a college degree.

Testing sessions fill up quickly so please schedule your appointment early.
All student testing must arrive 15 minutes before the start time.
A photo ID is required to take the exam.

A	B	D	D	C	C	A	1.	A	15.	D	A	14.	D	13.	C	12.	C	11.	A	10.	A	9.	B	8.	C	7.	B	6.	C	5.	A	4.	D	3.	A	2.	C	1.	A	15.	D	14.	D	13.	C	12.	C	11.	A	10.	A	9.	B	8.	C	7.	B	6.	C	5.	A	4.	D	3.	A	2.	C	1.	A	15.	D	14.	D	13.	C	12.	C	11.	A	10.	A	9.	B	8.	C	7.	B	6.	C	5.	A	4.	D	3.	A	2.	C	1.
Answers to practice exam 1:																									Answers to practice exam 2:																																																																									