



# Praxis Writing Test

## Test Setup

- 50% of your score comes from the 30-minute essay you will write.
- The other 50% of the test is composed of multiple choice questions grammar, sentence structure, word choice and mechanics.

## The Multiple Choice Section

There are two types of questions:

1. One asks you to identify errors in mechanics, structure, grammar, idiomatic expressions, and word choice. There will also be sentences that contain no errors at all.
2. The other asks you to read a sentence or certain phrase and choose the best way to restate it in order to correct it or make it clearer. Again, some sentences may be correct as is.



## The Essay

- For the essay section, you will be asked to respond to a given topic in 30 minutes.
- Each essay is scored holistically by two experienced scorers (high school or college English teachers) on a scale from 1-6, with 6 being the highest. These scores are then combined with the grammar portion of the test for an overall score.
- Essays that are NOT written in English or that are not on the topic will receive a score of 0.

## Tips for the Essay

- Decide your position on the topic quickly and do a mini-outline of two or three points that support your it.
- Spend only 30 seconds planning; scorers do not expect the same quality as a paper written and revised over a period of time, but they do expect complete essays.
- Be sure your thesis and organization are clear: Have a beginning, middle and end.
- Your essay should be written for an audience of educated adults.
- Give plenty of support for your opinion, drawing on what you already know.
- Leave time to proofread your grammar and mechanics. Draw a line through mistakes neatly and add your correction where it can clearly be seen.