

ACT English Test

75 questions, 45 minutes

| CONTENT/SKILLS | PERCENT OF TEST |
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| Production of Writing | 29-32% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic Development: Demonstrate an understanding of, and control over, the rhetorical aspects of texts, identify the purposes of parts of texts, determine whether a text or part of a text has met its intended goal, and evaluate the relevance of material in terms of a text’s focus. • Organization, Unity, and Cohesion: Use various strategies to ensure that a text is logically organized, flows smoothly, and has an effective introduction and conclusion. | |
| Knowledge of Language | 13-19% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate effective language use through ensuring precision and the conclusion in word choice and maintaining consistency in style and tone. | |
| Conventions of Standard English | 51-56% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence Structure and Formation: Apply understanding of sentence structure and formation in a text and to make revisions to improve the writing. • Punctuation: Recognize common problems with Standard English punctuation and to make revisions to improve the writing. • Usage: Recognize common problems with standard English usage in a text and to make revisions to improve the writing. | |
| TOTAL | 100% |

- With an average of 9 minutes per passage, you should be able to finish the English test in the allowed time.
- Be aware of the writing style used in each passage.
- Consider the elements of writing that are included in each underlined portion of the passage. Some questions will ask you to base your decision on some specific element of writing, such as the tone or emphasis the text should convey.
- Be aware of questions with no underlined portions—that means you will be asked about a section of the passage or about the passage as a whole.
- Examine each answer choice and determine how it differs from the others. Many of the questions in the test will involve more than one aspect of writing.
- Determine the best answer. Read and consider all of the answer choices before you choose the one that best responds to the question.
- Reread the sentence, using your selected answer.