



New CE Baseline Assessment

Help document

Introduction

The Current CE baseline format is being replaced with a new version

- The Assessment time reduces from 2 hours to 45 minutes
- The new assessment format is divided into 9 sections, details of which can be found in this document

This guide covers the following sections


- Structure of the assessment
- Types of questions to expect during the assessment

Overview

This test has multiple parts. In each part, you will perform a different task.

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Part A: Read aloud

Task Description:
Read a passage aloud for 30 seconds.
Number of questions: 2
Time allotted: 2 minutes

Example
Australia is a very large country. It is the sixth largest country in the world. It is also a continent and is sometimes called the 'island continent'.
It is surrounded by two oceans. Most of Australia is a desert so it is very flat and dry, but it also has rain forests and mountains. It is home to many different kinds of animals.

****Failure to complete the entire passage in 30 seconds will not be counted against you***

A

Read Aloud

Instructions

Read the passage aloud smoothly and naturally in a clear voice. You will be stopped after 30 seconds. This is not a speed reading test. You may not be able to finish reading the entire passage, but that is okay. When your time is up, you will automatically move on to the next item.

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Part B: Repeats

Task Description:

Listen to a sentence and repeat the sentence word-for-word. The sentences are presented in approximate order of increasing difficulty.

Number of questions: 16

Example

- 1. He’s a great teacher.
- 2. It’s not too late to change your mind.
- 3. People know how easy it is to get lost in thought.

Time allotted: 5 minutes


B Repeat

Instructions

Please repeat each sentence that you hear.


You hear:


"Leave town on the next train."




You say:

"Leave town on the next train."



 Replay

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Part C: Sentence Builds

Task Description:

Listen to a group of three short phrases presented in random order and then rearrange the phrases to make a sentence.

Number of questions: 10

Example

- 1. my boss/to London/moved
- 2. of your family/any pictures/do you have
- 3. to their leader/listened carefully/the young men

Time allotted: 3 minutes

C


Sentence Builds

Instructions

Please rearrange the word groups into a sentence.


You hear:


"was reading"... "my mother"... "her favorite magazine"




You say:

"My mother was reading her favorite magazine."



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Part D: Conversations

Task Description:

Listen to a conversation between two speakers and then answer a comprehension question.

Number of questions: 12

Example

Speaker 1: Congratulations on graduating!
Speaker 2: Thanks! It was a lot of work.
Speaker 1: I know. You deserve a party.
Question: Why does the man deserve a party?

Time allotted: 2 minutes

D

Conversations


Instructions

You will hear a conversation between two people, followed by a question. Give a short, simple answer to the question.

You hear:


Speaker 1: "Lucy, can you come to the office early tomorrow?"
Speaker 2: "Sure, what time?"
Speaker 1: "7:30 would be great."


Question: "What will Lucy have to do tomorrow morning?"




You say:

"Go to the office early." or "She will go to the office at 7:30."



 Replay

 Next

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Part E: Typing

Task Description:

Type a given passage exactly as displayed in 60 seconds. This is an assessment of typing speed and accuracy and allows you to familiarize yourself with the keyboard

Number of questions: 1

Example

Many people do not like public speaking. They are afraid to speak in front of a large group of people.
There are many ways to get better at public speaking. First, it is good to know the room. You should know where to stand and where to set up your computer...(etc.)

Time allotted: 1 minute

E


Typing

Instructions

This section allows you to get used to the keyboard and also measures your typing speed. You will have 60 seconds to type as much as you can. Type quickly and accurately. Keep typing until your time is up. Your work will be saved automatically.


Text:


For over 50 years, a British car company has been making a classic English sports car. The car is mostly handmade in the company's factory in western England.




You type:

For over 50 years, a British.....



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Part F: Sentence Completion

Task Description :

Read a sentence that has a word missing, and then supply an appropriate word to complete the sentence.

You are given 25 seconds for each item.

Number of questions: 20

Example

1. Her favorite hobby is _____. She has so many books.

2. He arrives _____ and is often the first one here.

3. I asked a coworker to take over my _____ because I wasn't feeling well.

Time allotted: 8 minutes

F


Sentence Completion

Instructions

Please type one word that best fits the meaning of the sentence. Type only one word. You will have 25 seconds for each sentence. Click "Next" when you are finished.


You see:


It's ____ tonight. Bring your sweater.




You type:

cold



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Part G: Dictation

Task Description:

Listen to a sentence and then type the sentence exactly as it is heard.

You are given 25 seconds for each item.

Number of questions: 16

Example

- 1. I'll see you on Thursday.
- 2. How long can I keep this book?
- 3. She apologized to all her friends several times.

Time allotted: 7 minutes

G


Dictation

Instructions

Please type each sentence exactly as you hear it. You will have 25 seconds for each sentence. Pay attention to spelling and punctuation. Click "Next" when you are finished. After 25 seconds, your work will be saved automatically.


You hear:


Can you work on Monday?




You type:

Can you work on Monday?



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Part H: Passage reconstruction

Task Description:

Read a short paragraph for 30 seconds. After 30 seconds, the paragraph disappears.

Then, reconstruct the paragraph in 90 seconds, including the main points and as many details as possible.

Number of questions: 3

Example

Robert went to a nice restaurant for dinner. When the waiter brought the bill, Robert reached for his wallet, but it wasn't in his pocket. He remembered having his wallet when he came into the restaurant. The waiter looked around the floor near his table. He found the wallet under the table.

Time allotted: 6 minutes

H


Passage Reconstruction

Instructions

You will have 30 seconds to read a paragraph. After 30 seconds, the paragraph will disappear from the screen. Then, you will have 90 seconds to reconstruct the paragraph. Show that you understood the passage by rewriting it in your own words. Your answer will be scored for clear and accurate content, not word-for-word memorization. After 90 seconds, your work will be saved automatically.


You read:


Mike went for ten job interviews. At the last interview, he finally received a job offer.




You type:

Mike had ten job interviews. He got an offer after the final interview.



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Part I: Summary and opinion

Task Description:

Read a passage. Then, write a summary of the author’s opinion in 25-50 words and give your own opinion on the topic presented in the passage in at least 50 words.

You are given 18 minutes to read the passage and write both responses.

Number of questions: 1

Example

Some children grow up in a big city while other children grow up in the countryside. Childhood experiences can be very different depending on where a person is raised.

Although the countryside can be more peaceful than a big city, it is better for children to grow up in a big city...(etc.)

Time allotted: 18 minutes

I

Summary and Opinion


Instructions


Read the passage.

Then, in the first box, write a short summary of the author's opinion in 25-50 words.

In the second box, write your opinion on the topic. Do you agree or disagree with the author? Why? Try to use your own ideas. You must write at least 50 words.

You will have 18 minutes to read the passage and write both the summary and opinion. Write both the summary and the opinion before clicking, "Next". Write in complete sentences. After 18 minutes, your work will be saved automatically.

 Replay

 Next



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