

ESL EXIT TEST INFORMATION SESSION: Winter 2017

Test Dates

Tuesday, April 11th: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Room 111 Halle Library

Wednesday, April 12th: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Room 111 Halle Library

Thursday, April 13th: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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TEST SECTIONS:

WRITING, LISTENING, GRAMMAR,
VOCABULARY, and READING

TEST ORDER

1: WRITING

- 60 minutes Hand-written on paper. Bring a pencil.
- Students will have 2 different topics-choose 1
- Receive a 15 minute and 5 minute time warning.
- Test will be immediately collected.
- No dictionaries or cell phones.
- You may not leave the room during the writing test.

TEST ORDER

Parts 2-5 (Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary and Grammar) are on the computer.

Computer Section

- Time: 50 minutes (with timer)
- Includes instructions
- Sections: Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary, Reading
- Retake Test Option: Must retake all (Listening, Vocabulary, Grammar and Reading)
- Questions are the same level of difficulty throughout the test.

TEST ORDER

2: LISTENING

- About 15 minutes
- 25 listening items
- Conversations, short speeches, short lectures
- Listen one time. Take notes.

3: GRAMMAR

- About 10 minutes
- 10 questions

ESL 100, 200, 300, 400 levels: Sample Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary and Reading [Questions](#). (Level 2)

ESL 500 level: Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary and Reading [Questions](#). (Level 3)

4: VOCABULARY

- About 10 minutes
- 10 questions

5: READING

- About 15 minutes
- 15 questions

Common Question #1: **Do I have to take the Exit Test?**

1. Students with ESL Conditional Admission and students in the Intensive English Program must pass their class and make satisfactory improvement on the Exit Test.

Common Question #2: **Why do we have an EXIT Test?**

1. A unified system of assessment
2. Classroom assessments measure skill. This test measures proficiency.
3. It ensures that students who do well in classes have the necessary language skills to move to the next level.
4. It helps to improve the program.

Common Question #3: **How does it relate to the program and curriculum?**

1. The Exit Test proficiency descriptions are aligned (matched) with our program curriculum and proficiency scale.
2. The Exit Test was piloted (practiced) on EMU ESL Students for one year. Students' scores were aligned (matched) with the Exit Test proficiency scores/ranges.

Common Question #4: **When will I know my score?**

****Students who should retake the test will be emailed, 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 19, 2017. ****

Common Question #5: What happens if my score improved, but I did not score in the next level?

If you decide NOT to retake the test:

1. We will look at all of your achievement records and then make a decision.
 - midterm reports
 - teacher feedback
 - previous semesters grades
 - previous Exit Test scores or Placement scores

If you decide to retake the test and your score does not improve, we will follow the same process.

Common Question #6: **If I scored in the next score level, do I advance to the next level?**

Not necessarily. Remember, you also have to pass your class with a B grade.

Common Question #7: **When will I know if I advance to the next level?**

You will receive your grades on my.emich.edu by TBD.

You will be notified by the ESL Testing & Assessment Coordinator if you must retake a course as a result of the Exit Test by Friday, April 28, 2017.

Common Question #8: **When is the retake test?**

Friday, April 21, 10:00 AM room 111 Halle Library.

Common Question #9: **Will I need to retake the whole test?**

You will have the opportunity to retake writing and/or the computer section of the test (Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary, Reading)