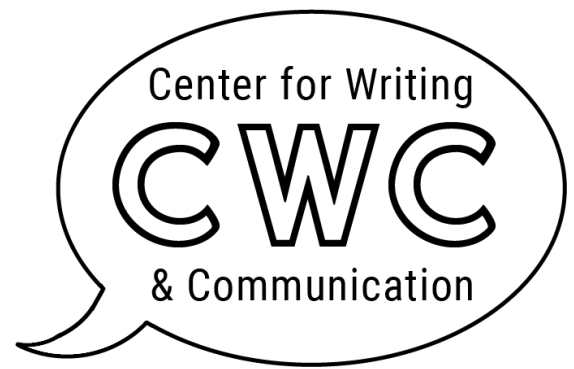


Praxis I Writing

Tip Sheet



Test Setup:

- 50% of the score comes from the essay that students write at the end of the test.
- The other 50% of the score comes from multiple choice writing questions dealing with grammar, sentence structure, word choice, and mechanics.
- Students have an hour and a half to complete the multiple choice part of the test, and 30 minutes to complete the essay.

The Multiple Choice Section:

- There are two types of questions in the multiple choice section:
 - ⇒ One type of question asks students to identify the errors in sentence structure, mechanics, word choice, or other grammatical problem. There will be some questions that do not contain errors.
 - ⇒ The second type of question requires students to read a sentence or phrase and then choose the answer that makes the sentence clearer, or more grammatically correct. Again, some sentences may be correct as is.

The Essay:

- For this section, students will be asked to respond to a specific topic for 30 minutes.
- Each essay is scored by experienced high school students or English teachers who give the essay a grade on a 1-6 scale. A 6 is the highest score while a 1 is the lowest score.
- The scores are combined with the grammar portion of the test to determine the final score of the entire Praxis Writing test.
- All essays must be written in English and be on topic or the student will receive a zero for the entire essay.

Other Tips for the Essay:

- Decide on the position for the topic quickly so as not to waste time to write the essay.
- Spend some time planning, but do not worry about the quality of the essay. Scorers do not expect high quality essays, but they do expect completed essays.
- Have a clear and organized thesis and make sure that your essay contains a beginning, middle, and end.
- Leave some time to proofread what you have written. If you find a mistake and would like to correct it, do not scratch out, simply draw a line through the mistake and write your correction where the scorers can clearly see it.