



# MISSION COLLEGE ENGLISH PLACEMENT (Student Guide) CTEP- College Test for English Placement

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## **Purpose of the Tests**

The College Test for English Placement (CTEP) is an assessment instrument for community college students for placement into reading and writing classes. It was written by California community college English instructors with experience teaching, reading and composition. The CTEP consists of three tests: reading comprehension; sentence and syntax skills; and sentence structure and grammar.

## **When and Where the Tests Are Given**

An Assessment Schedule can be picked up in the Assessment Office, room E1-101, and in the Counseling Office, room E1-301. Tests are given at various locations on campus, please locate the testing room before the day of the test. Do not arrive late for a testing session, you will not be admitted.

## **What to Take With You on Test Day**

Please bring your Mission College ID Card, or if you do not have that please bring any form of picture ID and your Social Security Card. There is no charge to students taking the test.

## **Special Arrangements for Disabled Students**

If you have a disability that will prevent you from taking the test under standard conditions, you may request special accommodations. Please contact the Disability Instructional Support Center (DISC) at (408) 855-5085 or TTY (408) 727-9243 to schedule and appointment.

## **Testing Regulations**

Notebooks, dictionaries, calculators, cell phones, pagers and PDA's are not allowed in the testing room. Furthermore, anyone who gives or receives help during the test will not be permitted to continue the test. Following the test period, no test material or notes may be removed from the room. Your college will cancel any test score if there is reason to question its validity.

## **Test Scores**

Your score will be based on the number of questions you answer correctly. No points will be subtracted for wrong answers. Mark only one answer for each question. You should answer as many questions as you can, regardless of how sure you are of the answer.

## **Test Results**

Results will be available in the Counseling Office 48 hours after the exam. Current picture identification is required when picking up test results. No results will be given over phone or via email.

## **Description of the Tests**

### ***Reading Comprehension***

This test consists of 35 questions, administered in 30 minutes. The test consists of seven reading selections. Each passage is followed by questions. The skills tested are main idea, literal comprehension, inferential comprehension, interpretive/evaluative comprehension and vocabulary in context. (See attached sample).

### ***Sentence Structure***

This test consists of 30 questions, administered in 20 minutes. The test consists of three sections of ten items each. The first section asks students to choose the correct sentence from four choices. The second asks students to fill in the blank to correctly complete a given sentence. The third gives students two sentences and asks them to choose which of the four choices correctly combines the two sentences. (See attached sample).

### ***Sentence and Syntax Skills***

This test consists of 40 questions, administered in 15 minutes. Test consists of two cloze type passages. These textbook selections have words missing, and students are asked to select the correct word. This measures a combination of students reading and writing skills such as using context and understanding syntax. (See attached sample).