

**To the Student:**

After your registration is complete and your proctor has been approved, you may take the Credit by Examination for English 6A.

WHAT TO BRING

- Notebook paper

ABOUT THE EXAM

The examination is based on the Essential Knowledge and Skills for this subject. Since questions are not taken from any one source, you can prepare by reviewing any of the state-adopted textbooks that are used at your school. If you do not have a textbook or any other study material available locally, you may contact the Outreach & Distance Education Bookstore. The bookstore carries the textbooks used with our English 6A Distance Education course. The textbooks used are *McGraw-Hill English*, by Sulzby, Klein, Teale, and Hoffman (McGraw-Hill, 1990), and *Spelling and Vocabulary*, by Templeton (Houghton Mifflin, 1998).

The CBE consists of 100 multiple-choice questions and a written composition. The multiple-choice portion of the test will be worth 75% of your final grade. The other 25% will be the grade you receive from the holistically scored composition. The composition will be scored according to five categories: (1) how well the writer addressed the prompt, (2) elaboration, (3) organization, (4) control of language, and (5) grammar and mechanics (punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure). A practice exam has been included with this review sheet to give you an example of the types of questions that will be encountered on the exam.

For more information about CBE policies, visit <http://www.ode.ttu.edu/takeacbe/> or see your course Policies & Forms Guide.

Good luck on your examination!

Practice Exam

Choose the correctly spelled word.

1. A. dich
B. didch
C. ditch
D. detch
2. to _____ about winning
A. bost
B. boast
C. bowst
D. boste

Decide which error the sentence contains. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

3. Did the dog run fast.
A. apostrophe
B. comma
C. hyphen
D. end punctuation

Read the question. Then circle the correct answer.

4. Which of the following is *not* a feature of a personal narrative?
A. The events are presented in time order.
B. It includes words like *I*, *me*, and *my*.
C. It relates the writer's thoughts about a personal experience.
D. It gives the writer's opinion about political events.

Decide whether the italicized word or words are the simple subject, complete subject, simple predicate, or complete predicate. Circle the correct answer.

5. Although he was nervous, *David* won first place in the singing contest.
A. simple subject
B. complete subject
C. simple predicate
D. complete predicate

Circle the answer that identifies the type of sentence.

6. Went to the store.
- A. simple sentence
 - B. run-on
 - C. compound sentence
 - D. fragment

Decide whether the italicized word is an action verb or a linking verb. Circle the correct answer.

7. The bridge *looks* especially beautiful at night.
- A. action verb
 - B. linking verb

Identify the principal part of the verb. Circle the correct answer.

8. Circuses are *amazing* to watch.
- A. present
 - B. present participle
 - C. past
 - D. past participle

Identify the direct object.

9. The interior designer chooses the furniture.
- A. chooses
 - B. interior
 - C. furniture
 - D. designer

Identify the indirect object.

10. Our hostess baked us a souffle.
- A. hostess
 - B. souffle
 - C. us
 - D. baked

Identify the predicate noun.

11. The largest land animal is the elephant.
- A. elephant
 - B. animal
 - C. land
 - D. largest

For questions 12-16, read the following passage and decide which type of error (if any) appears in each underlined section.

Eric is the most interesting pitcher with the Red hawks. He usually stoops in the
(12)
middle of the infield. Next he slams the baseball into his mitt, turns with a growl,
(13)
and marches onto the mound. After taking his place on the mound Eric tries his
(14)
best to scare the other team's batter. His loud noises, his powerful walk, and his
long stare at the batters are all part of his kraft. If a batter even blinks an eye, Eric
(15)
knows he can strike that player out His teammates and the fans on both sides
(16)
love to watch every move he makes.

12. A. spelling
B. capitalization
C. punctuation
D. no error
13. A. spelling
B. capitalization
C. punctuation
D. no error
14. A. spelling
B. capitalization
C. punctuation
D. no error

15. A. spelling
B. capitalization
C. punctuation
D. no error
16. A. spelling
B. capitalization
C. punctuation
D. no error

Essay

Choose *one* of the following ideas as the subject for your essay:

- A. Think about an exciting vacation you once had. Tell your friend what happened and how you felt about it.
- B. Your local government has given a large corporation permission to build a shopping mall on a piece of land inhabited by several endangered species of animals. Tell your government officials why you think this is a good or bad idea, and be sure to support your answer.

On a sheet of paper, plan your essay using a graphic organizer. This will help you to arrange your thoughts in a meaningful way before you begin writing. This will not be submitted for grading.

Write your essay on your own paper. Make the essay long enough to fulfill the basic requirements of a complete, well-written essay. Support each of your ideas and elaborate on all of the important details.

Answer Key:

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| 1. C | 5. A | 9. C | 13. C |
| 2. B | 6. D | 10. C | 14. C |
| 3. D | 7. B | 11. A | 15. A |
| 4. D | 8. B | 12. B | 16. C |