

**To the Student:**

After your registration is complete and your proctor has been approved, you may take the Credit by Examination for English 11B.

WHAT TO BRING

- several No. 2 sharpened pencils
- blue or black ink pen
- notebook paper

ABOUT THE EXAM

The exam will consist of vocabulary, literature and American authors from the mid-1800s to the present, Harper Lee's novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the writing process, mechanics and usage, and an essay. There will be 80 multiple choice, matching, or true-false questions, and an essay that will be worth 20 points. You will have three hours to complete the exam.

The examination is based on the Essential Knowledge and Skills for this subject. **You must prepare for the exam by reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*.** If you do not have the textbooks or any other study material available locally, you may contact the Outreach & Distance Education Bookstore. The bookstore carries the textbooks used with our English 11B Distance Education course. The textbooks are as follows:

Applebee, Arthur N., et al., eds. *The Language of Literature: American Literature*. Evanston, Illinois: McDougal Littell, 2000. (ISBN 0-395-93181-9)

Hobbs, Renee, Lee Odell, Richard Vacca, and John Warriner. *Elements of Language: Fifth Course*. Austin, Texas: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 2001. (ISBN 0-03-052668-X)

There is also a sample examination included with this letter. The sample exam will give you a model of the types of questions that will be asked on your examination. It is not a duplicate of the actual examination. It is provided to illustrate the format of the exam, not to serve as a review sheet. In order to be successful on the examination, you must study and review all of the material covered in the course. This material is listed on the pages that follow this letter.

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!

Preparation

Understanding literature includes understanding literary terms used to discuss written works. The vocabulary section of the exam will test your knowledge of these terms. The following is a *partial* list of words that you may encounter on the exam:

allegory	consonance	onomatopoeia
alliteration	denouement	personification
allusion	epigram	point of view
antagonist	flashback	protagonist
aphorism	foreshadowing	Realism
apostrophe	imagery	rhyme
assonance	irony	satire
atmosphere	metaphor	simile
characterization	Modernism	symbolism
climax	motif	synecdoche
conflict	Naturalism	tone

The questions about literature cover American writings from about 1850 to the present. You should have a good understanding of the general beliefs of the Realists, Naturalists, and Modernists. If you have a copy of *The Language of Literature: American Literature*, studying the Time Lines and reading the introductory information for each unit will be helpful. If you do not have a copy of this particular text, study the second half of any state (Texas) adopted anthology of American literature.

The only required reading for this exam is the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

Some vocabulary questions will require you to use **context clues** in the sentence to determine word meanings. This type of testing is very similar to the questions on the TAKS exam, so you may want to study TAKS preparation materials for this portion of the test.

You will also answer questions about mechanics and usage. You may want to review your grammar skills. Be familiar with rules for capitalization, punctuation, word usage, and so forth.

In addition, you will need to be familiar with the writing process, beginning with brainstorming and ending with proofreading. Some of the test questions will deal with effective reading, listening, and presenting skills.

Rarely does a credit by exam that is missing an essay receive a passing score. Please plan to take the time to write a well-constructed essay. You will turn in any brainstorming and rough drafting that you do. Your essay should be approximately 1½ to 2 handwritten pages long. You will need to **bring some lined paper with you to the testing location** or call there to see if some will be provided for you. Also, plan to use blue or black ink, not pencil.

CBE Sample Exam

1. A word that stands for or suggests something other than itself is called a(n)
 - A. analogy.
 - B. satire.
 - C. symbol.
 - D. allusion.
2. The literary movement that focuses on survival of the fittest and views man as being like an animal in the natural world is called
 - A. Romanticism.
 - B. Realism.
 - C. Naturalism.
 - D. Modernism.
3. Literal language means exactly what it says.
 - A. True
 - B. False
4. A figure of speech in which the writer expresses words that carry the opposite meaning is
 - A. a plot.
 - B. a protagonist.
 - C. a theme.
 - D. irony.
5. Which of the following is *not* a characteristic of Realism?
 - A. People believe that the church should run the government.
 - B. Humanity is ethical and democratic.
 - C. People see nature as being both beautiful and threatening.
 - D. People view society as being oppressive and corrupt, often in conflict with the individual.

6. Which statement is *not* spoken by a Modernist?
- A. "Man is utterly responsible for his actions."
 - B. "I beg your pardon! Only the strongest will survive!"
 - C. "Man is living on the outskirts of society."
 - D. "Death is nothing more than a black nothingness."
7. "Sally sells seashells by the seashore" is an example of
- A. allusion.
 - B. alliteration.
 - C. rhyme.
 - D. personification.
 - E. onomatopoeia.
8. Both Harte and Twain were Realists who used local color in their writing.
- A. True
 - B. False

For 9-13 below, match the statement with the person it describes.

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| 9. He wrote about realistic people in small-town America. | A. Hughes |
| 10. He was a funny man who wrote about life along the Mississippi River. | B. Crane |
| 11. He was a leading black writer of the 1930s. | C. Twain |
| 12. Probably the most popular American poet, he wrote "Death of a Hired Man" and "Nothing Gold Can Stay." | D. Frost |
| 13. He wrote <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> . | E. Masters |
14. Preparing a speech is much like preparing an essay.
- A. True
 - B. False
15. When someone interviews you, you should listen to the entire question before you start answering it, and stick to the point that the interviewer is addressing.
- A. True
 - B. False

16. A good reader reads everything at the same pace.
- A. True
 - B. False
17. In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, what character does Atticus admire for her courage?
- A. Calpurnia
 - B. Miss Merriweather
 - C. Mrs. Dubose
 - D. None of these.
18. In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, _____ attacks Atticus's children.
- A. Boo Radley
 - B. Heck Tate
 - C. Bob Ewell
 - D. Miss Maudie
19. Which of the following is *not* a mockingbird in the story?
- A. Boo
 - B. Bob
 - C. Tom
 - D. Miss Maudie

For questions 20 and 21, choose A if the sentence uses correct grammar, capitalization and punctuation; choose B if it does not.

20. Do you want to go with Linda and myself to the school play?
21. The reason that I left Houston, Texas, is because my husband received a job transfer.
22. Which word makes the verb agree with its subject in the following sentence?
“Either Janie or Carlos _____ offered to prepare the evening meal.”
- A. has
 - B. have

Answer Key for CBE Sample Exam

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| 1. C | 9. E | 17. C |
| 2. C | 10. C | 18. C |
| 3. A | 11. A | 19. B |
| 4. D | 12. D | 20. B |
| 5. A | 13. B | 21. B |
| 6. B | 14. A | 22. A |
| 7. B | 15. A | |
| 8. A | 16. B | |