

ENGLISH EXIT EXAM: GENERAL INFORMATION

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ELIGIBILITY:

- You are **automatically** registered for the English Exit Exam in your final semester.
- You may register for the exam after you have passed **two** English courses and are currently completing the **third** of the 101, 102, and 103 English courses.
- You are encouraged to write the exam before your final semester. The exam takes place every May, August, and December.

THE TASK:

In four hours, write a **750-word essay** "based on a main idea" in an essay or a short story. To do this properly, you must:

- Identify a **main idea** from one of the three readings.
- Write an analytical/critical essay that develops a **thesis sentence**.
- Explain how the author uses literary or rhetorical **techniques** and **devices** to construct their idea.
- Demonstrate your English **writing skills**: essay structure, grammar, punctuation, word choice, etc. See CORRECTOR'S CRITERIA for more information.

ITEMS TO BRING:

- **Required:** Your student ID card or any other official picture ID
- **Required:** A printed copy of the message you received in Omnivox, since it confirms the date, time, and location
- **Recommended:** Up to three books: an English dictionary, a bilingual dictionary, a grammar book, and/or a thesaurus but **no** notes and **no** electronic devices

EXAM MATERIALS:

- **Booklet 1:** Instructions, evaluation, criteria, and blank pages for notes, planning, etc.
- **Booklet 2:** The final copy of your essay (the only copy that the correctors will see)
- **Booklet 3:** Three texts, the writing guidelines, and a list of techniques and devices

RESULTS:

- You can check your results (RE=pass, and EC=fail) in Omnivox approximately **six weeks** after the date of the exam. If you are graduating, the results may be available earlier.

Contact the Academic Skills Centre for individual help preparing for the exam or to get information about our workshops.