

IMPORTANT: If you have time, do not take these assessments immediately after admission. Go home, read through these directions, and prepare as much as possible for them. Also, plan on the following:

1. **Sleep well the night (or nights) before the exam. You should try for seven to eight hours of undisturbed sleep every night.**
2. **Eat breakfast (or lunch/dinner) before the exam. In other words, make sure to eat something (healthy) three hours or less before exam. Eating healthy food will help you concentrate.**
3. **Go for a brisk walk before the exam. Getting oxygen to your brain is important for thinking.**

All three of these suggestions alone could easily improve your score up to

20% to 30%.



Math Test Instructions—Web help:

<http://www.sosmath.com/algebra/algebra.html>

1. Brush up on some basic math skills. Go under the heading “Self-Assessment Modules” at the site above, scroll down, find the links for math.
2. Use paper and pencil to work problems out before answering them on the computer.
3. Always check your answers. If you add, check by subtracting. If you multiply, check by division.
4. Read each question three times. Always make sure your answers make sense. Go very slowly and think through each problem. **You are not timed on this test, so do not rush.**



Writing Test Instructions—Web help:

<https://web.gsc.edu/fs/mhorton/LSEnglish/compasspractice/passage1/compass1.html>

1. Go to the website above and do all seven practice tests. (The website under the Math Test Instructions will help as well for reading and writing.)
2. Be prepared to take over an hour (maybe longer) because this test since it is not timed.
3. When the essay appears on the left, always click on the first word of the first sentence (it will turn yellow). Then after that, click on the first word immediately after the yellow highlighted section. Then you won't miss any sections.
4. Use scratch sheets of paper to write down A, B, C, D, E (just as it looks on the computer) for each question.
5. First, identify what is different in answers A through E. On your scratch paper, cross off letters that you are sure are wrong. Then work through the remaining ones to decide which one is best. Do this for all sections.
6. Make sure to read the sentences quietly to yourself. Hearing the sentences will make it easier to find the errors.
7. Review your entire corrected essay before clicking “Finished Editing.” If you are unsure of one sentence, click on it and go through the question again. You can change answers at any time before going on.
8. Go very slowly and take time to think. **You are not timed on this test and it could save you hundreds of dollars and up to years of time, so why rush?**



Reading Test Instructions—Web help:

<https://web.gsc.edu/fs/mhorton/LSEnglish/readingpractice/test3/reading3.html>

1. Use paper to write your thoughts down, just like the writing test.
2. Always read through the question and the five possible answers on the right side of the screen *before reading the essay on the left*. Then read through the essay on the left when looking for each answer.
3. Look for key words from the answers on the right in the essay on the left. Sometimes they use synonyms, so look for similar-meaning words.
4. Read the questions and answers to yourself to make sure you understand their meaning. That means you should be able to hear yourself reading.
5. Go very slowly and take time to think. **You are not timed on this test and it could save you hundreds of dollars and up to years of time.**