

Directions for the Constructed-Response Writing Assignments

This section of the test consists of two constructed-response writing assignments: a Descriptive Writing assignment and an Analytic Writing assignment. You are to prepare a written response of approximately 250–400 words for the Descriptive Writing assignment and a written response of approximately 400–600 words for the Analytic Writing assignment. You should use your time to plan, write, review, and edit your responses to the assignments.

Read each assignment carefully before you begin to type. Think about how you will organize your response. Each written assignment appears on the screen with an answer box. Type your response in this answer box.

Your response to each assignment will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

Appropriateness: The extent to which the response addresses the assigned topic and uses language and style appropriate for the specified audience.

Focus and Unity: The extent to which the response clearly states, and maintains clear connections to, the main idea or thesis statement.

Organization: The extent to which the response is effectively and coherently sequenced from sentence to sentence and paragraph to paragraph.

Development: The extent to which the response provides relevant, varied, and specific support to elaborate on the main idea or thesis statement.

Grammar and Conventions: The extent to which the response shows control of grammar, sentence structure, usage, and mechanical conventions (i.e., spelling, punctuation, and capitalization).

Be sure to write about the assigned topics. You may not use any reference materials. Your responses must be your original work, written in your own words, and not copied or paraphrased from some other work. Remember to review what you have written and make any changes you think will improve your responses. The final versions of your responses should conform to the conventions of edited American English.

Select the **Next** button to continue.