PURPOSE OF THE TEST

Bergen Community College requires that students for whom English is a second language and who have resided in the United States for fewer than eight years, or who have not attended for three years and have graduated from an American high school, must take the Accuplacer Levels of English Proficiency (LOEP) tests. The results of these tests determine a student’s entry into the Bergen Community College American Language Program (ALP).

The LOEP examination includes four tests: Language Arts; Listening Test; Reading Skills; and ESL Essay. Except for the Essay, all tests are untimed. The essay has a 50 minute time limit.

No cellular phones or other electronic devices, books, dictionaries, calculators or paper of any kind are allowed in the test room. No food or drinks are allowed in the test room. Anyone who gives or receives help during the test or uses any prohibited materials of any kind will not be permitted to continue the test.

COMPUTER DELIVERED TESTING

You will take the tests using a computer. You will use either the keyboard or the mouse to enter your answers, write your essay, and supply other information. A Test Administrator will always be present should you have any questions or problems. The Test Administrator has the ability to resolve any difficulties that may occur.

NOTE: If you do not know how to use a computer mouse or computer keyboard, please make the time in advance of the test to learn and practice these skills.

Descriptions of the LOEP Tests

LANGUAGE ARTS: The Language Use test measures grammar and usage.

LISTENING TEST: LOEP Listening is a direct measure of the listening skills of non-native English speaking. The test measures the ability to listen to and understand one or more people speaking in English. The conversations take place in academic environments such as lecture halls, study sessions, a computer lab, the library, the gymnasium, and the like; and in everyday environments such as at home, shopping, at a restaurant, at a dentist’s office, listening to the radio, reading the newspaper, and performing tasks at work.

READING SKILLS: The Reading Skills part of the LOEP tests the student’s comprehension of short passages.

ESL ESSAY: WritePlacer ESL (English as a Second Language) is offered with the Level of English Proficiency (LOEP) tests. It provides a direct measure of the writing skills of students who are not native speakers of English. In this test, a specific topic is provided and examinees are asked to provide a writing sample that responds to the topic.

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