

English on the CaHSEE

What it's all about!

Word Analysis / Vocabulary

(Identify target vocabulary within reading passages.)

What does the word *eccentricities* mean in the following sentence?

The state's wealth is only increased by its eccentricities and its magic.

A. unusual characteristics

B. large population

C. diverse climate

D. famous beauty

Word Analysis and Vocabulary

What does the word consumers mean in the following sentence?

Minnnows often serve as primary consumers in a streambed, sometimes as bottom feeders to suck up ooze or eat algae.

- A. those who shop
- B. those who eat**
- C. those who occupy
- D. those who serve

Word Analysis/ Vocabulary

What does the word contaminated mean in the following phrase?

But in captivity, when their keepers unknowingly were giving them leaves contaminated with acid, the koalas were left with only two options: eat the poisonous leaves or starve.

- A. carried with
- B. polished with
- C. poisoned with
- D. grown from

Reading Comprehension

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Gain meaning from text both (Literal and Inferential)

- Reading examples will include genres: (expository, persuasive essays, written instructions workplace documents.)

You will be asked to connect ideas both implicit and explicitly.

Literary Response / Analysis

You will...

Analyze the literary piece

Interpret the literary piece

Evaluate the literary piece

Writing Strategies

- You must understand the “best sequence of the text”,
- recognize the precise use of words and or awkwardly written phrases or sentence.

Written and Oral Language Conventions

- Sentence structure and punctuation.

Writing Applications

You will see one of these types:

Biographical

Responses to Literature

Expository and or Persuasive.

- Use at least the 5-paragraph structure.
 - More analytical and in-depth structures will raise your score.
 - Shorter essays miss the mark and will not pass.

Writing Checklist

Checklist for Your Writing:

- Read the description of the task carefully.
- Organize your writing with a strong introduction, body, and conclusion.
- State your position, support it with specific examples, and address the reader's concerns.

Writing Checklist Continued

- Use words that are appropriate for your audience and purpose.
- Vary your sentences to make your writing interesting to read.
- Check for mistakes in grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and sentence formation.

Expository Writing Task

Writing Task:

Throughout your years in school, you have studied about many different people. Think about one of these people you have studied during your time at school. What makes this person special enough to study?

Write an essay in which you discuss a person you have studied in school. Explain what it is about this person that is special. Use details and examples to support your ideas.

Persuasive Writing Task

Writing Task:

Some students at your school expressed an interest in making the school more attractive by getting rid of the trash on the school grounds.

Write a persuasive essay for your school paper in which you convince the readers of the importance of getting rid of the trash and making the school more attractive. Convince your readers through the use of specific reasons and examples.

Structure of it...

- Stack your strength in your body paragraphs.
 - Introduction should be an attention getter and thesis, two sentences maximum.
 - Solid but brief intro with **longer, analytic body paragraphs** are BETTER than a great intro but weak body paragraphs.
 - **Explain** why your examples or claim is true.
 - Do not expect reader to “just understand” what you mean.