Postgraduate English Placement - OVERVIEW

The Postgraduate English Placement Test (PGEPT) is designed to give a complete assessment of your writing abilities. The test focuses on your overall academic writing skills. This will include your ability to understand and follow instructions, essay structure, sentence structure, organization and development of ideas, coherence, unity, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

How and where to register?

You will need to register online here:

https://www.adu.ac.ae/en/study/admissions/placement-tests/pg-ept

In case you face issues with online registration, please contact Ms. Amelita Regino at amelita.regino@adu.ac.ae

Postgraduate English Placement Test Dates

Please check the website https://www.adu.ac.ae/en/study/admissions/placement-tests/pg-ept Please refer to the Calendar section of the website for more details.

Important notes:

- A student will be allowed to take the test only once.
- The test is available online on https://blackboard.adu.ac.ae
- Make sure you are able to login to Blackboard using your ID and password well before the time of the test using any browser.

Use Lockdown Browser with Webcam:

- The test requires Lockdown browser which should be downloaded from here: https://download.respondus.com/lockdown/download.php?id=292754289
- When installed and run, it will take you to Blackboard to login and go to the PGEPT course to take the test.

- You will be recorded all the time during the test with your computer webcam. Make sure it is working.

- Before the test, dress properly. Since Lockdown Browser/Respondus detects suspicious behavior during the test, avoid visual and audio distractions or even lateral movements in order to reduce flags raised by the system.

- It is recommended that you take the trial test available in Blackboard before the time of the actual test to reduce the possibility of technical issues during the actual test.

Steps to take the Postgraduate English Placement Test (or the trial test):

- Be ready online at 5:00pm on MS Teams to read instructions and ask any technical questions to a team of faculty and IT experts. At 5:10pm, the test will start and will take 1h 30m.

- Run Lockdown Browser/Respondus on your computer which will take you to Blackboard to login with your ID and Password.

- Go to the PGEPT course to take the test.

- You will need to show a picture ID (ADU Student ID, Emirates ID, Driver's license, or Passport).

- When asked to show the environment, just show your desk with pen and white blank paper(s). No books, notes, headphones or mobiles allowed.

- No password will be needed for this test. If asked, just click enter or the submit button.

- Once the placement test starts, you will not be able to ask any questions. Your mobile phone should be put away.

- If you have any technical issues, you will be allowed to get your phone to contact IT by email: ithelpdesk@adu.ac.ae or using the chat available on MS Teams created especially for the PGEPT. You should provide evidence of the issue during the test (e.g. screenshot).

- If the technical issue you faced was not solved during the test period, you will need to provide evidence of the issue during the test period to amelita.regino@adu.ac.ae . She will then contact you.

Results of the Postgraduate English Placement

Test Results will be posted on the web within 48 hours after the exam. You may contact CAS office – amelita.regino@adu.ac.ae

How Students are placed after taking the Test?

Students will either PASS/FAIL the test depending on the quality of their essay writing skills, which include: essay length (300 words minimum), content, organization and development of ideas, coherence, unity, vocabulary, sentence structure, grammar and mechanics. All these writing skills correspond to criteria that are discriminated in a standardized rubric which will be utilized to assess the PGEPT. The passing grade for this test is 80%.