The Regents’ Test – An Overview

The Regents’ Test consists of two sections: essay and reading. All students enrolled in a University System of Georgia college or university must take the Regents’ Test before they can graduate. More information on the Regents’ Exam may be found on the GSU Regents’ website (www.gsu.edu/rtp).

The essay section requires students to write an essay based on one of the four topics provided. The reading section tests various aspects of reading comprehension, vocabulary, and other skills based on reading passages provided. Each section of the test lasts one hour (for a total testing time of 2 hours).

The LTC Writing Lab provides tutorial service as well as instructional handouts, books of practice exercises, and Regents’ Test topics.

Another way to prepare for the test is to attend the Regents' Test Seminar conducted by Georgia Perimeter College one to two weeks before the actual test date (check the class schedule for dates and locations).

To assist those who will take the Regents’ Test, the following resources are available in the Writing Lab, the library, the college bookstore, and online.

*Strategies for Passing the Georgia Regents' Exam*, by Elifson and Gordon
*The Polishing Cloth*, Georgia Perimeter College
http://www.gsu.edu/rtp

After taking the Regents’ Test, students will receive letters telling them if they passed or failed. Scores for the essays, which are read by three raters, range from 1-3; a score of 2 or more is passing. In order to pass, an essay must receive at least two passing scores. Students may request a review of their essays and scores and may appeal their scores only if there is a “split” score (i.e., two 1s and a 2). Tutors in the LTC Writing Lab will review written essays with students to help determine if such an appeal is justified.