



Pre-Assessment Activity

**You are about to complete the
BISD Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) for the TSI**

**You are required to complete the PAA prior to taking the
TSI.**

**The PAA was developed by BISD with information
provided by TWU/TCC and
The College Board.**



Pre-Assessment Activity Overview

This activity has been mandated by the state and is designed to ensure that you are given some helpful information about the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. This is a type of test that will measure your current skill level in math, reading, and writing depending on the dual credit course you have selected to enroll in for next year.

It is important that you understand that the test is not a pass or fail type of test. We will have more information about that later in this presentation.



Pre-Assessment Activity Overview

This activity is also designed to ensure that students do not attempt the assessment without adequate preparation.

This pre-assessment activity is required by the State before testing.

On the day of your test, you will be asked several questions before being allowed to proceed.




One of these questions will be for you to affirm that you have participated in this Pre-Assessment Activity.



Pre-Assessment Activity Overview

The TSI Pre-Assessment Activity will consist of the following four modules:

- **Importance of Assessment**
 - **Testing Process and Sample Questions**
 - **Developmental Education Options**
 - **Institutional and Community Resources & Tips for Success**
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Pre-Assessment Activity Overview

You will be asked several online questions on the day of the test.

One question will ask if you were provided with information and/or an activity to help you understand:

1. The importance of this assessment
2. Sample questions
3. Course options
4. Resources for students


When asked this question, you must answer:

YES



Importance of Assessment


Studying for the test will help ensure that:

- **your skills in Math, Reading, and Writing are measured appropriately.**
 - **you are placed into the correct courses.**
 - **your skill levels improve should you choose to retest.**
 - **you are adequately prepared.**
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The TSI Assessment

TSI Assessment Features

- **Aligned to the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards for Math, Reading, and Writing**
 - **Multiple Choice**
 - **Untimed**
 - **Computer Adaptive**
 - **Up to 5 hours long**
 - **Scored Immediately**
 - **Unlimited re-testing**
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TSI Assessment - MATH

- **Elementary Algebra and Functions**
- **Intermediate Algebra and Functions**
- **Geometry and Measurement**
- **Data Analysis, Statistics and Probability**

The TSI Assessment in Mathematics is a multiple choice assessment that covers four content areas – Elementary Algebra and Functions, Intermediate Algebra and Functions, Geometry and Measurement, and Data Analysis, Statistics and Probability. There are approximately 20 items on the TSI placement test for math and 10 items in each section of the TSI diagnostic test.

Testing Process and Sample Questions

(Math: Sample Question 1)

For the question below, choose the best answer from the four choices given. You may use scratch paper.

Math Sample Question 1

$$(3x^2y^3)^3 = ?$$

A. $3x^5 y^6$

B. $9x^6 y^9$

C. $27x^5 y^6$

D. $27x^6 y^9$

(The answer will be revealed in 2 minutes)



**The answer to the mathematics sample
question 1:**

D. $27x^6 y^9$

Testing Process and Sample Questions
(Math: Sample Question 1)

The yard behind the Cindy's house is rectangular in shape and has a perimeter of 72 feet. If the length l of the yard is 18 feet longer than the width w of the yard, what is the area of the yard, in square feet? (*The answer will be revealed in 2 minutes*)

- A. 36**
- B. 144**
- C. 243**
- D. 486**

The answer to the mathematics sample Question 2:

Since the perimeter is 72, $2w + 2L = 72$.

Since $L = w + 18$, $w + 18$ can be substituted into the equation:

$$2w + 2L = 72$$

$$2w + 2(w + 18) = 72$$

$$2w + 2w + 36 = 72$$

$$4w + 36 = 72$$

$$4w = 36$$

$$w = 9$$

Since $L = w + 18$,

then $L = w + 18 = 9 + 18 = 27$.

Area = $Lw = (27)(9) = 243$ sq. ft.

The correct answer is (C).

TSI Assessment - Reading

- Literary Analysis
- Main Idea and Supporting Details
- Inferences in a Text or Texts
- Author's Use of Language

The TSI Assessment in Reading is a multiple choice test that covers these four content areas – Literary analysis, Main idea and supporting details, Inferences in a text or texts, and Author's use of language. There are approximately 24 items on the TSI placement test and 10 to 12 items in each section of the TSI diagnostic test.


Testing Process and Sample Questions

Reading Sample Question 1:

In 2010, talk show host Oprah Winfrey and novelist Jonathan Franzen kissed and made up after a nine-year feud. In 2001, Franzen was disinvited from appearing on Winfrey's TV show to pitch his novel *The Corrections* after he made it clear that he was unhappy about the book's being chosen for the Oprah Book Club. Describing his work as "in the high-art literary tradition," Franzen said he didn't want to be associated with the Club, which he accused of occasionally choosing "schmaltzy, one-dimensional" novels. But Winfrey is apparently able to forgive and forget: she chose Franzen's next novel, *Freedom*, for her book club and said of it, "Now you haven't heard me say this word often, but this book is a masterpiece."

The passage implies that Franzen's criticism of the Oprah Book Club was motivated primarily by:

- A. pride
- B. anger
- C. insensitivity
- D. ignorance



Testing Process and Sample Questions

Reading Sample Question 1:

The correct answer is: A



Testing Process and Sample Questions


Reading Sample Question 2:

Plywood, while not the most pleasing wood to look at, has become an incredibly important building material in house construction. It is flexible, inexpensive, and strong. Its strength is due to layers of thin wood glued on top of each other with the grain of each layer making a right angle with the grain of the layer below it. This way of layering the sheets of wood makes plywood difficult to break.

(The answer will be revealed in 2 minutes)

According to the passage, the arrangement of the layers of thin wood explains plywood's

- A. Strength**
- B. Cost**
- C. Attractiveness**
- D. Flexibility**



Testing Process and Sample Questions

Reading Sample Question 2:

The correct answer is: A



TSI Assessment - Writing

- **Essay Revision**
- **Agreement**
- **Sentence Structure**
- **Sentence Logic**
- **Essay**

The multiple choice section of the TSI Test in Writing measures your skills in these four content areas – Essay revision, Agreement, Sentence Structure, and Sentence logic. There are approximately 20 items on the TSI placement test and 10-12 items in each section of the TSI diagnostic test. You may be asked to write a five-paragraph persuasive essay which should contain approximately 350-500 words on a controversial issue or one of current interest.

Testing Process and Sample Questions

Writing Sample Question 1:

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer. (The answer will be revealed in 1 minute)

It is important to learn how to swim, even if one is afraid; the skill will invariably prove useful later in your life.

- A. one is**
- B. you are**
- C. everyone is**
- D. they are**

Testing Process and Sample Questions

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- C. everyone is
- D. they are

The correct answer is - B

Testing Process and Sample Questions

Writing Sample Question 2:

Think about how you would rewrite the following sentence according to the directions given, and then choose the best answer. Keep in mind that your revision should not change the meaning of the original sentence. (The answer will be revealed in 1 minute)

In some places, virtually all the topsoil has washed away, leaving the sub-soils to sustain the crops.

Rewrite, beginning with:

In some places, the sub-soils must sustain the crops ...

The next word will be

- A. although**
- B. because**
- C. until**
- D. before**

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The correct answer is - B

TSI - College Level Placement Scores

- MATH - 350
- READING - 351
- Writing - 5 on Essay or 4 on Essay with 340 on Multiple Choice



Where can I go to get help?

More Practice Test Questions:

www.collegeboard.org/texas-sample-questions



What Happens After The Test?

- You will receive your test scores immediately after testing.
- Please turn your test scores into the TSI proctor.
- Your counselor will help you to interpret your scores and will notify you if you did or did not qualify to register for the dual credit course.
- Complete application for college.
- Register and pay for classes.