



Stanislaus County Academic Pentathlon

Essay Test Student Instructions

This is a closed book test. Notes, books, and other reference materials are NOT ALLOWED

Before You Write:

- Select one essay prompt from the list provided.
- Use the outline page to draft essay.
- Use only the lined side of paper to write essay and SKIP lines (double space)
- Write the number of chosen essay prompt and ID number on the cover and at the top of each page of your essay.
- Write in pencil or erasable pen and use legible print.

Mechanics of Your Essay:

- Maintain a formal writing style and follow accepted rules of standard English, sentence structure, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Introduce a topic or thesis statement, previewing what will follow.
- Develop the topic with logical reasoning and relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and examples that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text.
- Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion, clarify, and organize ideas and concepts.
- Provide a concluding statement or section that summarizes the information.
- Address all portions of the prompt.
- Allow time to proofread and correct the essay.

DO NOT begin writing until the Test Proctor gives the signal to begin. Stop writing when the Proctor indicates that time is up.