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Department of Writing Studies

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST
Summer 2006

English Placement Test

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Structural Requirements for the EPT

Please read the following carefully:

Length Requirement: Write an essay that consists of several well developed paragraphs.

Structural Guidelines:

- The article is the basis of the essay question; you can refer to the reading, but the bulk of your essay must express your point of view of what you have read: The focus of your essay is on how you see the topic.
- Your language must be clear and formal, firmly addressing the topic.
- Content, coherence, clarity of expression, grammar, punctuation and readability will be taken into consideration when assessing your essay.
- Be sure to leave yourself ample time to proofread your work.

Structural Requirements:

- You have to write a well-developed essay that has logical ideas related to your response to the essay question.
- Your essay needs to include an introduction, a thesis statement, an appropriate number of supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- Each paragraph should start with an effective topic sentence that sums up the central idea of each paragraph.
- Your ideas should be connected to each other via the use of effective transitional devices.

Formatting Requirements:

- Lines have been double spaced on your printed sheets, so do not leave a line, write on every line.
- Indent the first line of each paragraph half an inch.
- Leave a line between paragraphs, to show the difference between them.
- Write a suitable title for the essay.
- Write neatly; your handwriting should be easy to read.

Read the following passage from *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* and write an essay in response to the question that follows it.

I saw that the best thing I could do was to get hold of a dictionary—to study, to learn some words. I was lucky enough to reason also that I should try to improve my penmanship. It was sad. I couldn't even write in a straight line. It was both ideas together that moved me to request a dictionary along with some tablets and pencils from the Norfolk Prison Colony school.







