

Internet Resources That Address Each Area of the POST Written Test

Reading - the candidate MUST read every day and be able to answer reading comprehension questions. Practice is the only tried and true way of improving reading skills. The POST has twenty-two reading comprehension questions, and since the POST test is timed, speed and accuracy becomes essential to a successful test score. The following links provide practice with questions and answers:

1. <http://fcit.usf.edu/fcat10r/home/sample-tests/index.html>
2. <http://www.testprepreview.com/modules/readingmainidea.htm>
3. <http://www.spreader.com/app.php>
4. http://www.examenglish.com/IELTS/cbIELTS_reading.html

Grammar - the POST test has 15-18 grammar questions that determine the candidates proficiency in six grammatical concepts. The links below will provide practice for each of these areas.

1. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/exercises/5/18/38/> - Fragment practice tests
2. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/exercises/5/13/34/> - Subject verb agreement practice tests
3. <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/runons.htm> - Run-ons
4. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/597/1/> - Dangling modifier practice test
5. <http://grammar.yourdictionary.com/parts-of-speech/pronouns/pronoun-agreement.html> - Pronoun agreement
6. http://www.grammar-monster.com/glossary/squinting_modifier.htm - Squinting modifier

Spelling - the POST test has 15-18 spelling words that cover some of the trickier types of spelling forms such as “ie” combinations, silent letters, double consonants, and other commonly misspelled words. The following sites will help you practice mastering these words.

1. http://www.alphadictionary.com/articles/misspell_quiz.html - Excellent site for spelling practice
2. <http://www.visualthesaurus.com/bee/> - Adapts to each person's spelling level

Vocabulary- the POST test has 15-18 vocabulary questions ranging from moderate to difficult words. Reading is the best way to increase vocabulary; however, there are websites and software that can assist in increasing vocabulary competency. A proficient

vocabulary is also essential when taking the CLOZE (fill-in-the-blanks) portion of the exam.

1. <http://www.enhancemyvocabulary.com/improve-expand-vocabulary.html>
2. <http://www.vocabtest.com/> - Start at the sixth grade to freshman level. Levels beyond that contain words too advanced and not seen on the exam

CLOZE (Fill-in-the-blanks) – the final portion of the POST exam, and the most dreaded, is the fill-in-the-blanks section. It is difficult in that the candidate needs to have good reading comprehension skills and an adequate vocabulary. The candidate must supply the exact word in the exact number of spaces given. No word choices are given making this exam harder. The best way to prepare is to practice a CLOZE test once a day. To start, go to sites that give you answer choices. After that, practice doing exercises that are just like those found on the POST exam.

1. www.policetesttutors.com– learn how to make your own CLOZE test exactly like the POST, and practice CLOZE exams like those the POST test for free.
2. <http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/fce/students/tests/tsindex.htm> – practice Cloze tests

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How much does the POST test cost? **Answer:** It's free
2. How many times can I take the POST? **Answer:** Once every 30 days.
3. Can I find out which questions I missed? **Answer:** No, sorry!
4. What is the highest achievable T-score? **Answer:** T-78.8 (Einstein level)
5. Does the POST test require a lot of studying? **Answer:** Yes, put the time in so you can get a good score.