



Topics Covered for
Test of Readiness for Academic English (TRACE)

This exam will test your ability to read, listen to, and write academic English. The schedule for the exam is as follows.

PART 1
INTRODUCTION TO THE TEST (10 MINS)

This part of the exam is to help you start thinking about the topic for the exam.

This part is **NOT GRADED**.

PART 2 (30%)
READING (80 MINS)

In this part of the exam, you will read texts on a general topic. There are 4 sections in this part:

Section 1: 2 short texts,

Section 2: 1 medium length text

Section 3: 1 longer text

Section 4: comparing or contrasting 2 or more of the texts from sections 1-3

PART 3 (30%)
LISTENING (50 MINS)

There are 2 sections in this part:

Listening to lecture 1

Listening to lecture 2

Section 2: Listening to 1 short conversation

PART 4 (40%)
WRITING (80 MINS)

In this part of the exam, you will write an academic essay of at least 400-450 words.

You will have a total of 80 minutes to write it, including:

- ✓ 10 minutes planning
- ✓ 60 minutes writing
- ✓ 10 minutes editing