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Section 1—Analytical Writing



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Section Order	Section Name	Standard Time
1	Analytical Writing	30 minutes
2	Verbal Reasoning	21 minutes
3	Verbal Reasoning	28 minutes
4	Quantitative Reasoning	24 minutes
5	Quantitative Reasoning	32 minutes

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The Analytical Writing task begins on page 8. In an actual test, your supervisor will tell you when the testing time starts, at which point you may turn the page and begin.

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Section 1

Analytical Writing

Directions

Plan and compose a response to the following issue. A response to any other issue will receive a score of zero. Make sure that you respond according to the specific instructions and support your position on the issue with reasons and examples drawn from such areas as your reading, experience, observations, and/or academic studies.

In an actual test, your response will be evaluated on its overall quality based on how well you do each of the following:

- Respond to the specific task instructions
- Consider the complexities of the issue
- Organize, develop, and express your ideas
- Support your ideas with relevant reasons and/or examples
- Control the elements of standard written English

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Before you begin writing, you may want to think for a few minutes about the issue and the specific task instructions and then plan your response. **Use pages 12 and 13 to plan your response, then write your response starting on the first lined page that follows. A total of 16 lined pages are provided for your response.** Be sure to develop your position fully and organize it coherently, but leave time to reread what you have written and make any revisions you think are necessary.

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Topic:

The best ideas arise from a passionate interest in commonplace things.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

Write your response on the pages provided.

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Plan your response on this page and on the next page, if needed. Neither planning page will be scored. **Begin writing your essay on page 14.**

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You may continue planning your response on this page, if needed. Neither planning page will be scored. **Begin writing your essay on page 14.**

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