

## TSIA2 ELAR Test

**Pre-Assessment Activity Completion is required for first time TSIA testing**  
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<b><u>TSIA2 ELAR Scores needed</u></b>
945+ on ELAR test <b>AND</b> 5+ on Essay <b>OR</b> 910+ on ELAR test <b>AND</b> 5+ on Diagnostic test <b>AND</b> 5+ on Essay

### **FREE TSIA2 ELAR Placement Prep:**

TSIA2 Essay Prep- [click here](#)

TSIA2 ELAR sample questions (Reading and Writing) -[click](#)

[here](#) TSIA2 resources- [click here](#)

TSIA2 Video prep-Part 1 Reading [Click here](#), Part 2 Reading [Click here](#), Part 3 Essay [Click here](#), Part 4 Writing [Click here](#)

TSIA2 practice site- [click here](#) You will not need a student ID number, just click enter student site.

TSIA2 Interpreting your score- [click here](#)

### **How the TSIA2 ELAR works**

1. The exam is untimed.
2. The TSIA2 test adaptive test as you take the test it adjusts to your accuracy answering the questions. The test starts with middle difficulty questions. If miss questions the test get easier if the reverse happens you answer correctly the questions get harder. In the beginning it adapts fast then as the test goes on it adapts slower rate. As you get a question right it bumps up your score, if you answer multiple question incorrectly your score will go down quickly.

**TSIA2 ELAR Test** – 30 items TSIA2 ELAR sample questions (Reading and Writing) -[click here](#)

**Diagnostic Test** – 48 items this is another set of questions you will get if you do not show College Ready on the first 30. You can still show College Ready on the Diagnostic portion of the test.

**Essay** - Students need a 5 or higher on the ESSAY to show College Readiness; an example of a score of a 5 on the essay is located on page 16-20. [click here](#)

This is a persuasive (must contain 350-600 words) essay will be graded by a computer.

### **How to Do Well on the Essay**

Before you begin to write a response, it is important that you spend a few minutes planning what you want to say. Spend some time brainstorming your ideas about the topic or issue. Determine your position, and then list some reasons why you feel the way you do about the subject. This kind of quick brainstorming and mapping out of your ideas will help you write a more cohesive, unified response that does not forget to include relevant support and reasoning. If you jump straight into writing, you are more likely to overlook an important point, or to realize there's an idea you wanted to include that now doesn't fit with the flow of your writing. That prewriting step is critical.

### **How TSI Essays Are Scored**

Essays are scored on six elements: critical thinking, development and support, mechanical conventions, organization and structure, purpose and focus, and sentence variety and style. So, make sure that your writing is clear and coherent, with an easily discernible position that you maintain throughout your response (no flip-flopping or fence-sitting!). Use relevant examples to support your position and explain how those examples support your position—don't just stick them in there. Be sure to employ effective transitions to move your reader from one idea or paragraph to the next and craft thoughtful sentences using appropriate diction. Don't forget to proofread your response before final submission to check for grammar mistakes.

### **TSIA Tips:**

1. Practice test format- practice with medium/ hard test questions
2. Focus early stages of test (first 7 questions of ELAR) Double check your work, for math check your answers and for reading use the process of elimination.
3. Pace yourself- unlimited time test, if you are having a hard time on a question take a mental break (close your eyes and take a 10 sec pause) no nap, no closing eyes for 2 minutes.
4. Finish strong- no sprinter mentality, no reason to hurry. If you miss several question in a row it will drop you score quickly. Best bet is to get to question 23 and then take a break, treat the last 7 question as you do the first 7 questions at the start very important. The goal is to show College Readiness on the first 30 question of the ELAR.
5. If you are stuck on hard question and you do not know the answer, take the loss, and move on.
6. Don't change a guess to another guess.