Academic Upgrading
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Study Guide for
English Literature
Placement Tests

COMM 181/182, English 20-1/30-1

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Important Information

Review the following information before preparing for the test.

The English Literature placement tests are assessments designed for Academic Upgrading placement purposes only. These assessments determine entrance into English Language Arts 20-1 or English Language Arts 30-1. **No section of the test may be used for admission to any SAIT program other than Academic Upgrading.** The English Placement Test is not accepted for admission to any other institution, nor does the test determine English language proficiency.

- If you are not sure whether the English Placement Test will meet your needs, contact Academic Upgrading ([upgrading@sait.ca](mailto:upgrading@sait.ca) or 403-210-5756).

The COMM 181/182, English 20-1/30-1 English Placement Test is composed of the following:

**Grammar, Reading and Literature Comprehension**

45 multiple choice questions

You have 2 hours to complete the test.

**Note:** No part of these exams can be used to determine English Language proficiency at SAIT.
English Placement Test Study Resources

Accessing SAIT’s Electronic and Print Resources

Go to: https://www.sait.ca/student-life/reg-erhardt-library

Grammar Resources

You may be tested on the following topics: parts of speech (nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions, interjections, and articles); types of clauses (dependent and independent); punctuation (apostrophes, commas, semicolons, colons, question marks, and periods); fragments, run-ons, comma splices, spelling, capitalization, etc.

The following resources will help prepare you for the grammar portion of the test:

Electronic


Print


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Reading Resources

You will be asked to read several different styles of texts and answer a few questions to demonstrate your understanding of the texts. The following resources will help prepare you for the reading portion of the test:

Electronic


http://highered.mheducation.com/sites/0073123587/student_view0/chapter3/context_clues__exercise_2.html


**Print**

Carter, Christine Evans. *Landscapes: Groundwork for college reading.* Boston, MA:  


**Citing Resources**

You may be asked to demonstrate your understanding of quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing, plagiarism, direct vs. indirect speech, etc. The following resources will help prepare you for this portion of the test:

**Electronic**


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HBEw6cY17g


**Print**
