

Tips to Ace the Timed Essay



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Reflection of your Personality Skills and Intellect

ACL Admissions Scoring Rubric - (2020 - 2021)

Indicators	0 No Evidence	1 Limited Evidence (Response indicates one or fewer of the criteria below)	2 Full Evidence (Response indicates one or more of the criteria below)	Score (Record Score in this column)
Open Mindset	No evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited approaches and/or solutions to the problem Lacks specificity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple arguments and/or counter arguments are present Several approaches are present Considers alternative points of view 	evaluation - analysis - action plan
Information Processing	No evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal organization of thought Lacks evidence of interconnected ideas Limited evidence of logical thought process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly developed synopsis extending beyond given information Displays strong processing of ideas Logical argument based on evidence 	ethos, pathos, logos, research, big names
Fluency of Ideas	No evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited solutions based on assumptions Minimal approaches and/or solutions to the problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposes and/or pursues multiple innovative solutions Provides clear and concise explanation of abstract ideas 	reflective language stems
Problem Solving	No evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks pursuit of a counter argument Minimal evidence of a meaningful solution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly presents and/or pursues multiple counter arguments Generates original and innovative solution(s) 	
Resourcefulness	No evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited use of technology and/or global systems Lacks consideration of possibilities Minimal practical application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multifaceted use of technologies and/or global systems Uses multiple sources of evidence Challenges assumptions with novel ideas 	
Total	10			

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1. Understand & explain yourself.

Interesting
Insightful
Revealing

2. Set yourself apart.

Personal
Evaluative
Analytical

3. Engage your audience.

Unique
Details
Memorable.

4. Find an angle.

Exceptional qualities
Past experiences

5. Grab and keep your readers attention.



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Before Writing (3-5 mins)

Answer all
the
components
of the
prompt.

Make a clear
and specific
plan (outline).

Schedule a
set time for
each
paragraph.

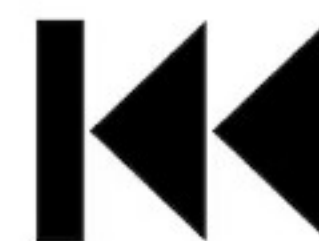


While Writing (35 mins)

Keep
yourself on
schedule.

Don't worry
about
revising and
editing yet.

Leads &
Conclusions



After Writing (5 mins)

Reread the question & ensure you've addressed all parts.

Reread, revise & edit.

Other Things to Consider

