



The Language Proficiency Index™ (LPI™) is a criterion-based English language test of reading and writing skills. For over 20 years, the LPI was developed, delivered, and scored by the Applied Research and Evaluation Services (ARES) unit at The University of British Columbia (UBC). These testing services are now provided by Paragon Testing Enterprises Inc., which is a subsidiary of The University of British Columbia.

WHAT DOES THE LPI MEASURE?

The purpose of the LPI is to provide a consistent and standardized measurement of an examinee's competency in English. LPI scores can assist instructors, professional associations, employers, and administrators in the assessment of the level of English proficiency that an examinee has mastered. This assessment information helps to maximize the success rate of the individuals applying to programs of various post-secondary institutions and professional organizations and also to contribute to these programs' efficiency.

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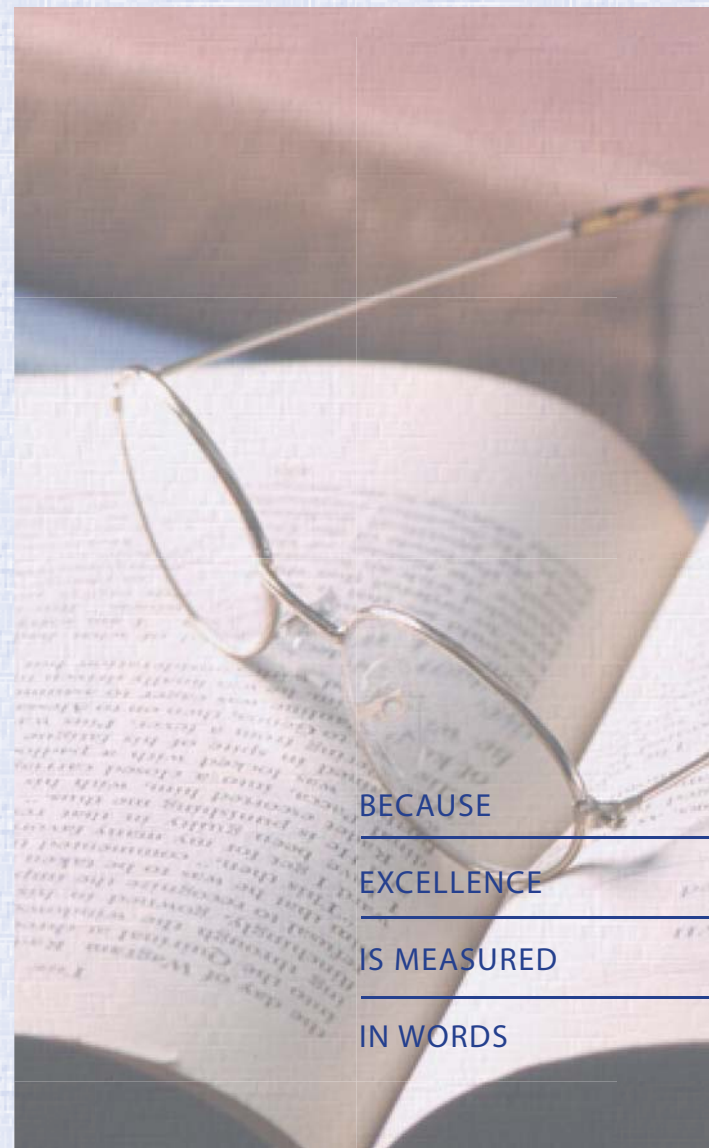
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EXCELLENCE

IS MEASURED

IN WORDS

THE FOUR PARTS OF THE EXAM

The LPI is a 2½-hour test consisting of four parts that assess the following skill areas: sentence structure (Part I), English usage (Part II), reading comprehension (Part III), and essay writing (Part IV).

PART I: SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Examinees must recognize common errors in sentence structure.

PART II: ENGLISH USAGE

Examinees must recognize common errors in English usage.

PART III: READING COMPREHENSION

In Section A, examinees must read two prose passages and then answer four multiple-choice questions that accompany each passage. In Section B, examinees must read three prose passages and then summarize each passage's main idea (or ideas) in no more than three sentences

PART IV: ESSAY WRITING

Examinees must write a 300- to 400-word argumentative essay on one of three topics.

SCORING OF THE LPI

Parts I and II as well as the multiple-choice questions in Part III are scored by computer. The three paragraph summaries in Part III and the essay in Part IV scored are marked by the marking team. The marking team is composed of experienced university, college, and grade 12 English instructors. Each essay is marked by two members of the marking team, and, if there is a discrepancy in the level awarded, the paper is reviewed by the head marker and other markers until a consensus is reached.

TEST RESULTS

All British Columbia institutions using LPI scores receive electronic reports of test results within three weeks of publicly scheduled sittings. Examinees can access a copy of their Unofficial Personal Score Report online.

Each institution that uses LPI scores establishes, for its own programs, the level of achievement required on both the essay score and on Parts I to III of the test. For information related to any matter of score interpretation, contact the Registrar's Office or the English Department of the college or university to which you are applying.



WHO USES THE LPI?

Below are some of the institutions that either require or accept LPI scores:

- The University of British Columbia
- The University of Victoria
- Simon Fraser University
- University of the Fraser Valley
- Camosun College
- Capilano University
- College of New Caledonia
- College of the Rockies
- Douglas College
- Emily Carr University of Art and Design
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Langara College
- Vancouver Island University
- Okanagan College
- Selkirk College
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of Northern British Columbia
- Vancouver Community College
- Yukon College

- Justice Institute of BC
- Okanagan Valley of Massage Therapy
- Police Departments: New Westminster, Port Moody and Victoria
- Real Estate Council of BC
- Correctional Institutions: FRCC, KRCC, NFPC, NCC, PGRCC, and VIRCC
- Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia
- Sprott Shaw Community College

ONLINE SERVICES

Candidates can register, order study materials, and obtain score reports online.

STUDY MATERIALS

Preparing to Write the Language Proficiency Index LPI™ 3rd Edition

This workbook gives a clear indication of what the test is like and provides sample questions in the form of practice exercises and a sample LPI examination.

The LPI™ Workbook 2nd Edition

This workbook consists of eight practice tests of the same level of difficulty as the test forms used at LPI sittings.

Reading Your Way into English and Learning About Canada

This book helps students improve their ability to write English through the reading of English prose with topics covering some of Canada's geography, history, and culture. Each essay is followed by a set of questions to help readers confirm that they have understood what they have read.

