

## Three Important Examinations for Grade 11/12 Students

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The information includes the introduction of three parts:

- A. English 12 Provincial Examination**
- B. LPI (Language Proficiency Index)**
- C. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)**

Grade 11 and 12 students of the Chinese community have very much stressed the importance of these examinations. The marks decide if they are admitted to universities as well as colleges. Therefore, many Chinese students want to consult English tutors in order to get higher scores on these exams. All English tutors must spend time researching and collecting plenty of materials in these three fields.

### I. English 12 Provincial Examination

#### Purpose

The purpose of Provincial Examinations is to evaluate the English proficiency of students who have finished English 12(or communication 12) course in school. The final mark of each of the Provincial Examinable courses is composed as followed:

- I Final mark of the grade 12 school year of that particular subject -- 60%
- I Provincial Examination score of that particular subject -- 40%

Because English 12 completion is necessary for applying universities in North American, English Provincial Exam becomes very important to students.

**If the students get the 80 % mark of the English 12, they don't need to pass the LPI level 5 for studying in UBC.**

**This examination consists of four parts:**

	Value	Suggested Time
I Part A: Comprehension	13	10
I Part B: Interpretation of Literature: Poetry (200 words)	20	25
I Part C: Interpretation of Literature: Prose (300 words)	33	40
I Part D: Original Composition (300-500 words)	24	45
Total	90 marks	120 minutes

- I This examination is designed to be completed in two hours. Students may, however, take up to 30 minutes of additional time to finish.

## **Examinations time**

Provincial examinations are held annually in January, April, June, August and November. All grade 12 students in British Columbia participate in at least one examination session per year, depending on their school's semester system.

## **Provincial examination Materials**

You can find materials regarding the past Provincial Exams in the website below.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/search>

<http://kitsilano.vsb.bc.ca/Students/provincials/exams-date.htm>

## **Register**

Be enrolled in a British Columbia

- I Public school
- I Distance Education School
- I Continuing Education Center
- I A Group 1, 2 or 4 British Columbia Independent school.

## **II. LPI (Language Proficiency Index)**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) is to provide post-secondary institutions with information about an individual student's competency in English, which is designed and promoted by UBC.

### **The test consists of four parts:**

- I Part I: Sentence Structure
- I Part II: English Usage
- I Part III: Reading Comprehension
  - Section A: Two reading passages with multiple choice questions.
  - Section B: Three reading passages to be summarized
- I Part IV: Essay Writing (300-400 words)

### **Examination period:**

- I Total 2.5 hour
- I Note—it is recommended that at least 1.5 hours of the total 2.5 hour examination period be left for work on Part IV, the essay

## **A note on the evaluation standards**

I The essay will be evaluated as six levels:

A Level 5 essay may have a few errors (it does not need to be perfect)

A Level 4 essay will have some errors.

A Level 3 essay will have many errors, some of them quite serious.

(A “serious” error is one in which a cluster of words, rather than just a single word, is incorrect.)

I The note of Level 6, Level 2, Level 1 essays have not been included, since only a very small percentage of those writing the LPI are placed at these levels.)

I The essay must be written between 300 and 400 words.

**I If UBC students can not pass the LPI level 5 within the first year, they would be quit.**

## **Study materials**

I Preparing to Write the LPI

I The LPI Workbook (8 Practice Test)

I How To Write The LPI Essay (A Collection of Expository Essays)

I Perfecting Your second language

I Reading Your Way into Canada

\*\* You can buy them in the bookstore of Vancouver Community College ( Broadway Campus).

## **Register**

If you wish to write the LPI, you must register before the sitting--- either by mail, by fax, by e-mail, by the internet, or by coming in person to the LPI office at:

LPI office, Room 6 – 2125 Main Mall, University of British Columbia,

Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4

phone 604-822-4146, fax 604-822-9144

e-mail: [lpi@ares.ubc.ca](mailto:lpi@ares.ubc.ca)

## **Who requires LPI scores**

The following institutions either require or accept LPI scores:

I The University of British Columbia

I Simon Fraser University

I The University of Victoria

I University College of the Cariboo

I Okanagan University College

I Kwantlen University College

I Fraser Valley University College

I Langara College

I Capilano College

I Douglas College

I .etc.

**SFU standard:**

**Achieve an LPI test score of 4 or better and at least 60% in each of parts I, II and III.**

**For the Latest information:**

[http:// www.lpi.ubc.ca](http://www.lpi.ubc.ca)

### **III. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the TOEFL test is to evaluate the English proficiency of those whose native language is not English. TOEFL scores are required for purposes of admission by more than 2,400 colleges and universities in United State and Canada. Each of the students who has only studied English for less than four years in North America also needs to have a TOEFL score when applying to universities in Canada.

**The test has four sections, all of which are mandatory.**

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#### **I Part I: Listening (60-90 minutes)**

Listening measures the ability to understand English as it is spoken in North American. This section tests comprehension of main ideas, supporting ideas, important details, and inferences.

\* 2-3 conversations with 5 questions each

\* 4-6 lectures with 6 questions each

#### **I Part II: Reading (60-100 minutes)**

Reading measured the ability to understand short passages similar in topic and style to academic texts used in North American colleges and universities. You will read a variety of short passages on academic subjects and answer several questions about each passage.

\* 3-5 passages with 12-14 questions.

#### **I Part III: Speaking (20 minutes)**

\* 2 independent tasks

\* 4 integrated tasks

#### **I Part IV: Writing (150-225 words each)**

\* 1 integrated task (20 minutes)

\* 1 independent task (30 minutes)

### **TOEFLE Score Comparison Table**

<b>iBT</b>	<b>PBT</b>	<b>CBT</b>
111-120	640-677	273-300
96-110	590-639	243-272
79-95	550-589	213-242

65-78	513-549	183-212
53-64	477-512	153-182
41-52	437-476	123-152
30-40	397-436	93-122
19-29	347-396	63-92
6-18	311-346	23-62
0-5	310	0-22

\*\* Your essay score is between 5.0 and 0.0

**In order to apply most of university, TOEFL iBT with an overall score of 88 or higher with a minimum score of 20 in each of the four components (listening, speaking, writing, reading).**

## Order TOEFL Practice Materials

I Phone: 1-800-446-3319

I **Online:** [http:// www.ets.org/store.html](http://www.ets.org/store.html)  
[http:// www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)  
[http:// www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)  
<http://www.lougheed.com>  
<http://www.teflprep.com/>  
<http://www.ets.org/toefl/nextgen/samples/index.html>

I Fax: 1-609-771-7385

I You can also buy TOEFL materials in Chapter or VCC bookstore or borrow them from libraries.

## Register

Online [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)

Call 1-800-GO-TOEFL (1-800-468-6335)

Or call the test center directly.

## Test centers in BC

I Coquitlam 604-464-6401  
I Richmond 604-231-1966  
I Tsawwassen 604-943-6022  
I Victoria 250-472-4501

## Reference book:

Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL test New Generation ibT

By Deborah Phillips ISBN: 0-13-193290-X