Instructions for use of the REW Quick Placement Test (QPT) Paper Version + Writing Task

Overview
The QPT and Writing Task are used to decide how many weeks ELICOS a student requires to meet their study/personal needs. The QPT is divided into two parts 1 & 2. Part 2 is only needed if the student scores 35 or more on Part 1. The overall QPT score determines which Writing Task the student should undertake.

Instructions
1. Student does the test in a quiet, supervised and secure situation – no dictionaries allowed.
2. Agent prints out the QPT test booklet and answer sheet. All answers must go directly onto the answer sheet.
3. Agent issues student with Part 1 for 30 minutes (questions 1 – 40).
4. Agent removes the test in 30 minutes even if student has not finished. Do not allow the student to keep the test booklet.
5. Agent records student name and start and finish time of test on answer sheet.
6. Agent marks Part 1 using the marking template. You should photocopy the template onto an overhead projector transparency and keep it for use each time you mark a test.
7. Student does Part 2 only if score for Part 1 is 35 or more.
8. Agent writes score/s on answer sheet.
9. Agent chooses correct Writing Task based on test score below: Student only does one writing task.

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10. Agent prints lined pages for the writing task (pages 5 & 6 of the writing test document) and issues student with the correct topic, informing the student of the finish time.

11. After collecting the Writing Task Agent completes the Cover Sheet.

12. Agent sends the following to REW:
   - Cover sheet
   - QPT Answer sheet – multiple choice
   - Writing task page/s.

REW will reply to both the agent and to RMIT Admissions team within 48 hours (excluding weekends).

Students cannot gain direct entry to RMIT TAFE or University programs from the results of the QPT Placement Test. They can choose to do an IELTS or TOEFL test or undertake a minimum of 5 weeks English at REW and meet all course requirements for their level.

Students can gain direct entry to VCE Year 11 or Foundation Studies programs from the results of an REW placement test.
1. What can I use the REW Quick Placement Test (REW QPT) for?
The REW QPT is used to decide the starting point for a student coming to study English at REW. It also
determines the minimum number of weeks of ELICOS the student requires to meet the English language entry
requirement for RMIT TAFE or Higher Education programs.
The test can be used for direct entry to REW ELICOS courses, VCE Years 11 and 12 and Foundation Studies
Programs only.

2. What if a student has an IELTS or TOEFL score? Can he do the REW QPT?
A recent IELTS or TOEFL score overrides any results from the REW QPT. ’Recent’ means the IELTS or
TOEFL test was done in the previous 6 months. The student may have done some further English study and
have improved on the IELTS or TOEFL score, if this is the case then the REW QPT can be used.

3. Why does a recent IELTS or TOEFL score override an REW QPT result?
An IELTS or TOEFL test includes an assessment of Listening and Speaking skills. The REW Quick Placement
test cannot assess these skills and so can be used only as a guide to the number of weeks needed.
Experience shows us though, that even though it has its limitations, the test is still a very good indicator of a
student’s English level.

4. How many times can a student take the REW QPT?
Students can only do the test once in a six-month period. If this causes a problem please contact REW for
advice.

5. How long is the REW QPT result valid?
It is valid for up to six months.

6. Can the REW QPT be used for entry to other institutions?
It is really only for entry to RMIT but William Anglais Institute of TAFE accepts the REW Upper Intermediate
certificate and so an REW QPT can be given to a student on a pathway to a William Angliss program.

7. What if the student recommendation from REW is for 0 weeks?
If this is the case then the student can choose either to do:
a) an IELTS or TOEFL test because the student is very close to the English level required for a full offer
OR
b) 5 weeks English course at REW and satisfactorily complete all course requirements for that level.
Note: The student will be required to do a placement test on enrolment day to confirm his result from offshore.

No placement test for students on a visitor visa
Students coming to study English for 10 weeks or less on a visitor visa are not required to do a placement
test.
However as REW does not have courses at the complete beginner level or very advanced levels, it is always a
good idea to give a placement test to a student if you are unsure of this.
Cover Sheet for Quick Placement Test & Writing Task

Please send (fax or email) the following to REW:
1. This form
2. Multiple choice QPT answer sheet
3. Writing task (A, B, C or D depending on test score)
REW will reply to both the agent and the RMIT International office within 48 hours

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| Semester start for RMIT University program: |
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Send the test to:
Email: placement.test@rmit.edu.au or
Fax: +61 3 9654 9883
Enquiries Tel: +61 3 9657 5828 or +61 3 9654 5826

DO NOT fax this form to the RMIT International Admissions office. They then must forward it to REW. This will cause a delay in the response time.
quick placement test

Version 1

This test is divided into two parts:

Part One (Questions 1 – 40) – All students.

Part Two (Questions 41 – 60) – Do not start this part unless told to do so by your test supervisor.

Time: 30 minutes
Part 1

Questions 1 – 5

- Where can you see these notices?
- For questions 1 to 5, mark one letter A, B or C on your Answer Sheet.

1. Please leave your room key at Reception.
   A. in a shop
   B. in a hotel
   C. in a taxi

2. Foreign money changed here
   A. in a library
   B. in a bank
   C. in a police station

3. AFTERNOON SHOW BEGINS AT 2PM
   A. outside a theatre
   B. outside a supermarket
   C. outside a restaurant

4. CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS
   Lessons start again on the 8th January
   A. at a travel agent’s
   B. at a music school
   C. at a restaurant

5. Price per night:
   £10 a tent
   £5 a person
   A. at a cinema
   B. in a hotel
   C. on a camp-site
Questions 6 – 10

- In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the text below.
- For questions 6 to 10, mark one letter A, B or C on your Answer Sheet.

Scotland

Scotland is the north part of the island of Great Britain. The Atlantic Ocean is on the west and the North Sea on the east. Some people (6) .......... Scotland speak a different language called Gaelic.

There are (7) .......... five million people in Scotland, and Edinburgh is (8) .......... most famous city.

Scotland has many mountains; the highest one is called ‘Ben Nevis’. In the south of Scotland, there are a lot of sheep. A long time ago, there (9) .......... many forests, but now there are only a (10) ............

Scotland is only a small country, but it is quite beautiful.

6  A on        B in        C at

7  A about    B between    C among

8  A his      B your       C its

9  A is       B were       C was

10  A few     B little     C lot
Questions 11 – 20

- In this section you must choose the word which best fits each space in the texts.
- For questions 11 to 20, mark one letter A, B, C or D on your Answer Sheet.

**Alice Guy Blaché**

Alice Guy Blaché was the first female film director. She first became involved in cinema whilst working for the Gaumont Film Company in the late 1890s. This was a period of great change in the cinema and Alice was the first to use many new inventions; (11) .......... sound and colour.

In 1907 Alice (12) .......... to New York where she started her own film company. She was (13) .......... successful, but, when Hollywood became the centre of the film world, the best days of the independent New York film companies were (14) .......... . When Alice died in 1968, hardly anybody (15) .......... her name.

11 A bringing    B including    C containing    D supporting

12 A moved       B ran          C entered       D transported

13 A next        B once         C immediately  D recently

14 A after       B down         C behind        D over

15 A remembered  B realised    C reminded      D repeated
UFOs – do they exist?

UFO is short for ‘unidentified flying object’. UFOs are popularly known as flying saucers, (16).......... that is often the (17).......... they are reported to be. The (18)..............

"flying saucers" were seen in 1947 by an American pilot, but experts who studied his claim decided it had been a trick of the light.

Even people experienced at watching the sky, (19).......... as pilots, report seeing UFOs. In 1978 a pilot reported a collection of UFOs off the coast of New Zealand. A television (20).......... went up with the pilot and filmed the UFOs. Scientists studying this phenomenon later discovered that in this case they were simply lights on boats out fishing.

16 A because B therefore C although D so
17 A look B shape C size D type
18 A last B next C first D oldest
19 A like B that C so D such
20 A cameraman B director C actor D announcer
Questions 21 – 40

- In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence.
- For questions 21 to 40, mark one letter A, B, C or D on your Answer Sheet.

21. The teacher encouraged her students ................... to an English pen-friend.
   A  should write  B  write  C  wrote  D  to write

22. They spent a lot of time ..................... at the pictures in the museum.
   A  looking  B  for looking  C  to look  D  to looking

23. Shirley enjoys science lessons, but all her experiments seem to .................... wrong.
   A  turn  B  come  C  end  D  go

24. .................... from Michael, all the group arrived on time.
   A  Except  B  Other  C  Besides  D  Apart

25. She ..................... her neighbour’s children for the broken window.
   A  accused  B  complained  C  blamed  D  denied

26. As I had missed the history lesson, my friend went .................... the homework with me.
   A  by  B  after  C  over  D  on

27. Whether she’s a good actress or not is a .................... of opinion.
   A  matter  B  subject  C  point  D  case

28. The decorated roof of the ancient palace was .................... up by four thin columns.
   A  built  B  carried  C  held  D  supported

29. Would it .................... you if we came on Thursday?
   A  agree  B  suit  C  like  D  fit

30. This form .................... be handed in until the end of the week.
   A  doesn’t need  B  doesn’t have  C  needn’t  D  hasn’t got

31. If you make a mistake when you are writing, just .................... it out with your pen.
32. Although our opinions on many things .......... , we're good friends.
   A. differ    B. oppose    C. disagree    D. divide
33. This product must be eaten .......... two days of purchase.
   A. by    B. before    C. within    D. under
34. The newspaper report contained .......... important information.
   A. many    B. another    C. an    D. a lot of
35. Have you considered .......... to London?
   A. move    B. to move    C. to be moving    D. moving
36. It can be a good idea for people who lead an active life to increase their .......... of vitamins.
   A. upturn    B. input    C. upkeep    D. intake
37. I thought there was a .......... of jealousy in his reaction to my good fortune.
   A. piece    B. part    C. shadow    D. touch
38. Why didn't you .......... that you were feeling ill?
   A. advise    B. mention    C. remark    D. tell
39. James was not sure exactly where his best interests .......... .
   A. stood    B. rested    C. lay    D. centred
40. He's still getting .......... the shock of losing his job.
   A. across    B. by    C. over    D. through
Questions 41 – 50

- In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best fits each space in the texts.
- For questions 41 to 50, mark one letter A, B, C or D on your Answer Sheet.

The tallest buildings - SKYSCRAPERS

Nowadays, skyscrapers can be found in most major cities of the world. A building which was many ________________ high was first called a skyscraper in the United States at the end of the 19th century, and New York has perhaps the ________________ skyscraper of them all, the Empire State Building. The ________________ beneath the streets of New York is rock, ________________ enough to take the heaviest load without sinking, and is therefore well-suited to bearing the ________________ of tall buildings.

41 A stages     B steps     C storeys     D levels
42 A first-rate     B top-class     C well-built     D best-known
43 A dirt     B field     C ground     D soil
44 A hard     B stiff     C forceful     D powerful
45 A weight     B height     C size     D scale
SCRABBLE

Scrabble is the world's most popular word game. For its origins, we have to go back to the 1930s in the USA, when Alfred Butts, an architect, found himself out of (46) ................. He decided that there was a (47) ................. for a board game based on words and (48) .................. to design one. Eventually he made a (49) ................. from it, in spite of the fact that his original (50) ................. was only three cents a game.

46 A earning B work C income D job
47 A market B purchase C commerce D sale
48 A took up B set out C made for D got round
49 A wealth B find C cash D fortune
50 A receipt B benefit C profit D allowance
Questions 51 – 60

- In this section you must choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence.
- For questions 51 to 60, mark one letter A, B, C or D on your Answer Sheet.

51  Roger’s manager .................. to make him stay late if he hadn’t finished the work.

   A  insisted  B  warned  C  threatened  D  announced

52  By the time he has finished his week’s work, John has hardly ................ energy left for the weekend.

   A  any  B  much  C  no  D  same

53  As the game .................. to a close, disappointed spectators started to leave.

   A  led  B  neared  C  approached  D  drew

54  I don’t remember .................. the front door when I left home this morning.

   A  to lock  B  locking  C  locked  D  to have locked

55  I .................. to other people borrowing my books: they always forget to return them.

   A  disagree  B  avoid  C  dislike  D  object

56  Andrew’s attempts to get into the swimming team have not .................. with much success.

   A  associated  B  concluded  C  joined  D  met

57  Although Harry had obviously read the newspaper article carefully, he didn’t seem to have .................. the main point.

   A  grasped  B  clutched  C  clasped  D  gripped

58  A lot of the views put forward in the documentary were open to ..................

   A  enquiry  B  query  C  question  D  wonder

59  The new college .................. for the needs of students with a variety of learning backgrounds.

   A  deals  B  supplies  C  furnishes  D  caters

60  I find the times of English meals very strange – I’m not used .................. dinner at 6pm.

   A  to have  B  to having  C  having  D  have
WRITING PLACEMENT - TOPIC SET A

INSTRUCTIONS
- You have 30 minutes.
- Choose ONE of the topics below to write about.
- Do not use your dictionary.
- Write on the paper provided.

TOPIC 1  Write about your best friend.

OR

TOPIC 2  Write about a holiday place that you like.

Use the lined paper to write your answer
WRITING PLACEMENT - TOPIC SET B

INSTRUCTIONS

- You have 30 minutes.
- Choose ONE of the topics below to write about.
- Do not use your dictionary.
- Write on the paper provided.

**TOPIC 1**  
You are going to go to Australia to study English and to stay with an Australian family. The Australian family wants to know all about you.

Write a letter telling them about yourself.

**OR**

**TOPIC 2**  
Which do you think is better - travelling in your own country or travelling to another country? Why?

Use the lined paper to write your answer.
WRITING PLACEMENT - TOPIC SET C

INSTRUCTIONS
- You have 40 minutes.
- You should write at least 220 words.
- Choose ONE of the topics below to write about.
- Do **not** use your dictionary.
- Write on the paper provided.

**TOPIC 1** What are the positives and negatives of the Internet?

**TOPIC 2** Compare life in your grandparents’ time with life today.
Which generation do you think enjoys a better lifestyle and why?

Use the lined paper to write your answer
WRITING PLACEMENT - TOPIC SET D

INSTRUCTIONS
• You have 40 minutes.
• You should write at least 250 words.
• Choose ONE of the topics below to write about.
• Do not use your dictionary.
• Write on the paper provided.

TOPIC 1  English is currently the international language, but the international language of the future will be Chinese.

Do you agree?

OR

TOPIC 2  English is established as the global, international language.

It is the language of business, politics, travel and the Internet.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this situation?

Use the lined paper to write your answer