



## DIRECTIONS

The purpose of this test is to find out how well you write on a persuasive topic in the time and space allowed. Your paper will be read by trained raters and scored on four qualities of effective writing: Ideas, Organization, Style, and Conventions. Writing is a process that begins with planning/prewriting, drafting, editing, and revising, then concludes with writing the final draft and proofreading. Since you have only 100 minutes to complete your essay, you must monitor your time carefully. Suggested times for each stage of the writing process are provided below, but these are only recommendations. You do not have to stop between stages of the process. When you finish one stage, continue the writing process.

Notice that you have two lined pages in this Answer Document on which to write your final draft. Keep in mind as you plan and write that your final copy must fit into this space. In order for your paper to be properly scored, it is very important that you write on the given topic and in prose. Papers that consist entirely or mostly of poetry, musical lyrics, or rap will not be scored. Additionally, papers that are offensive in language or content will not be scored. Papers must be written in English only.

**Part 1: Planning/Prewriting (15 minutes)**

Read your assigned topic on the Writing Topic Page and review the Writing Checklist. Use the Planning/Prewriting Pages for your notes, jot list, or outline. Organize your major supporting details before writing the first draft.

**Part 2: Drafting (35 minutes)**

Using your prewriting notes, write a first draft of your paper on the Drafting Sheet. Concentrate on getting your ideas down on paper in a logical order.

**Part 3: Revising and Editing (25 minutes)**

Carefully reread what you have written to see if your ideas are clear and fully developed. Consider any changes that would make your paper better.

**Part 4: Final Draft (20 minutes)**

Rewrite your paper on pages 3 and 4 of this Answer Document. When you rewrite, make certain that you use a blue or black pen and write neatly. You may either print or write in cursive. Do not use pages 1 and 2 of the Answer Document for your writing. Only what is written on pages 3 and 4 of the Answer Document will be scored.

**Part 5: Proofreading (5 minutes)**

When you finish writing your final draft, make any needed corrections on your paper. You may strike through words, but do so neatly. Do not use correction fluid.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA



**SERIAL #**





A large rectangular area with a dark blue border, containing 25 horizontal blue lines for writing.

