

Academic English Writing Example Exam

Example of the instructions for the AE Writing exam

- Choose **ONE** of the following topics.
- The essay should be 300-350 words long. If it is less than 300 words, it will fail for not being long enough. There is no penalty for going over 350 words.
- The audience for your essay is a general academic audience such as your instructors or others in a professional context.
- Be sure to follow the length requirement, write in the correct genre, and complete the task you are asked to fulfill.
- Please remember:
 - Clearly show where your paragraphs begin.
 - Write legibly and leave margins.
 - Use this sheet of paper for your notes and rough draft.
 - Write your final copy on the clean sheet of paper provided.
 - Circle/Mark the number of the topic on this sheet.

Example of an argumentation topic:

According to an article in The Guardian newspaper, digital democracy has taken root in the city of Reykjavík, Iceland. Digital democracy means that citizens actively participate online in the everyday decision making of government. Here are some quotes from the article:

“People believe, quite rightfully, that politics is boring, and there is an incentive for politicians to keep politics boring so people don’t question what they are doing. We want to open it up – not to say it’s constantly fun, but show that politics does have a purpose.”

How do you think digital democracy could work in your country? Why do you think so? Write an argumentative essay in which you argue for your position.

Example of an exposition topic:

The figure below gives information on the percentage of individuals using the internet for uploading self-created content. In an expository essay, summarize the data by comparing, contrasting, and reporting on the most relevant information.

