
English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)

The English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT) was developed by Cambridge Assessment on behalf of the University of Oxford.

ELAT was trialled in Autumn 2006 in a number of schools and colleges and first administered to applicants applying to Oxford in 2007. Both the English Faculty at the University of Oxford and Cambridge Assessment are committed to carrying out extensive research and reviewing results of the ELAT in relation to admissions decisions over the forthcoming admissions round.

What is ELAT?

ELAT is designed to enable applicants to show their ability in the key skill of close reading, paying attention to such elements as the language, imagery, allusion, syntax, form and structure of the passages set for comment. It will assess how far students have developed this understanding and, with it, the ability to shape and articulate an informed response to unfamiliar literary material.

The 90-minute test is designed to be accessible to all students in their last year of pre-university literary study. Candidates write one essay, comparing two or three passages of unseen poetry or prose. This is not a test of wide reading, nor is it based on the assumption that there are certain texts that all students should have read by this stage in their education. Marks will not be awarded for references to other texts or authors, nor will candidates be expected to try to apply any theoretical frameworks in their essay.

Who has to take ELAT?

All students applying for the following courses at the University of Oxford are required to take the English Literature Admissions Test: English Language and Literature (Q300), combined English and Modern Languages courses and Classics and English (QQ38 and QQH8).

When does it take place?

In 2010, ELAT will take place on Wednesday 3rd November, on the same day as some other admissions tests such as the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) and the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) Oxford admissions test.

Where do candidates take the test?

Typically, candidates sit the ELAT at their school or college; however, Cambridge Assessment also hosts an extensive network of open centres in the UK and overseas, where candidates can register for and sit the ELAT if their schools or colleges do not have the facilities in place to administer the test.

What does it cost?

Candidates will not be charged an entry fee for taking ELAT in November 2010. Please note, however, that some open centres may charge an administrative fee for organising and administering the ELAT on behalf of external candidates. This administrative fee normally covers the cost of invigilation, despatch costs and room hire, where applicable.

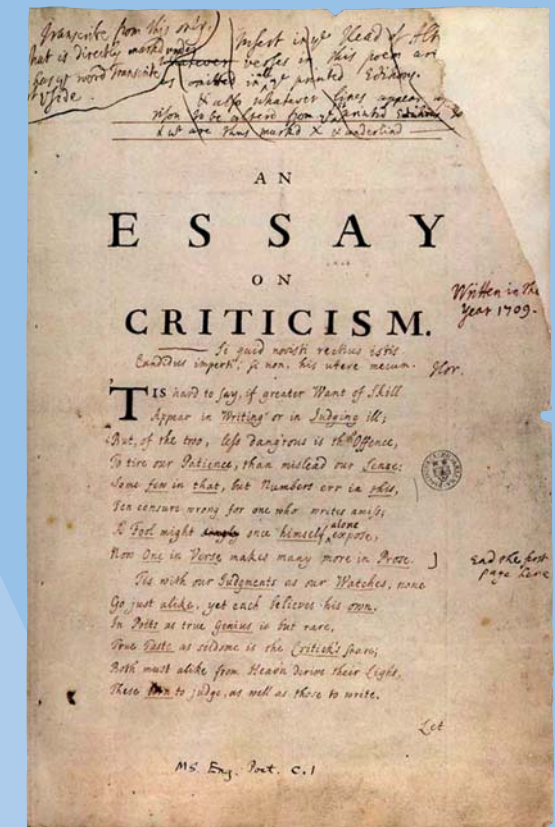
Entries will be accepted until 5pm BST on Friday 15th October 2010. Candidates or centres who miss this deadline date should contact Cambridge Assessment.

Where can I find out more?

The ELAT has a dedicated website. This provides further information about the test, administration, guidance for centres and candidates alike, as well as specimen test materials for practice purposes.

email: elatinfo@cambridgeassessment.org.uk

website: www.elat.org.uk



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Key Dates for ELAT 2010

17 September *Last date for requests for modified question papers (e.g. Braille or enlarged)*

15 October *Last date for ELAT entries*

3 November *Test takes place*

14 January 2011 *Results released*

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