The English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) Placement Test is given so that we will know where you need to start your classes at Mercer County Community College (MCCC). The ACCUPLACER ESL Placement Test has three parts: two multiple choice sections - reading skills and listening as well as a short writing assignment. It usually takes between 1.5 to 2 hours.

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One retest is allowed and costs $25.

The following are sample questions that are like ones you will see on the test. Additional study tools are available at https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice.

ACCUPLACER ESL Reading Skills Test Sample Questions

1. Television has been introduced to almost every country in the world, reaching a large number of viewers on every continent. About 600 million people saw the first person walk on the moon, and a billion people watched the twentieth Olympic Games. Television has in many ways promoted understanding and cooperation among people. It does this by showing educational and cultural programs.

   From this passage, a reader can conclude that the author believes that
   A. people spend too much time watching television
   B. not every country needs to have television
   C. television can unify people from around the world
   D. television is as important as schools

2. People have different ways of learning. Some are better at making mental pictures of new ideas. Others are more comfortable with writing lists of things to memorize. Certain people can learn best when listening to music, while others need silence to concentrate.

   Which of the following is the main idea of the passage?
   A. Mental pictures help many to learn.
   B. Some people prefer lists to making mental pictures.
   C. To learn well you need to be comfortable.
   D. Different individuals have different ways of acquiring information.

3. If you hold a piece of copper wire over the flame of a wooden match, heat will be conducted by the copper wire to your fingers, and you will be forced to drop the wire. You will, however, still be able to hold the match because wood is a poor conductor of heat.

   Which of the following is implied in the passage above?
   A. Copper is a good conductor of heat.
   B. Wood and copper conduct heat equally.
   C. Wood is an excellent conductor of heat.
   D. Matches should be made of copper.

4. Many people own different pets. Dogs, cats, birds, and fish are common household pets. Other pets are considered to be exotic animals. These include snakes, lizards, and hedgehogs.

   According to the passage, snakes are
   A. uncommon pets
   B. likely to be found in a household with dogs
   C. found only in zoos
   D. not allowed in people’s homes
5. Cesar Chavez was an influential leader for farmworkers. He fought for their rights and better working conditions. Chavez led many strikes that angered farm owners. Eventually he succeeded in getting increased wages and better living situations for farmworkers.

The passage indicates that Chavez changed lives by
A. helping to end the farmworkers’ strikes
B. fighting for the rights of farm owners
C. working on the farms every day
D. improving the conditions for farmworkers

6. When cartoonist Charles M. Schulz was a boy in elementary school, other boys teased him for being small and not very good at sports, and his art teacher told him he had no talent for drawing. He had few friends and was too shy to talk to a red-haired girl he admired. Later in life, Schulz used his childhood experiences in his comic strip Peanuts: the strip’s main character, the sad and lonely Charlie Brown, represents Schulz as a little boy. Peanuts was unique at the time because it contained no adult characters. Readers fell in love with Charlie Brown, and Peanuts eventually became one of the most popular comic strips of all time.

What is the main idea of the passage?
A. Peanuts was the world’s most widely read comic strip.
B. Schulz was a very famous cartoonist.
C. Schulz turned the pain of his youth into success as an adult.
D. The comic strip Peanuts featured children as its only characters.

7. Money has been used for thousands of years in nearly every culture as a means of exchange. However, today, the use of cash is becoming less and less common in modern societies all over the world. Every year, a higher percentage of purchases are made online, and even in stores customers are now using credit cards more often than cash. Many people today do all their banking on the internet rather than going to the bank in person.

The author of the passage probably assumes that
A. cash will become virtually obsolete in the near future
B. using cash will become popular again
C. paying with credit cards all the time is dangerous
D. societies that do business online will struggle

8. Before giving first aid to an accident victim, you should obtain his or her consent. Asking for consent takes a simple question. Say to the victim, “I know first aid, and I can help until an ambulance arrives. Is that okay?”

According to the passage, it is wrong to
A. use first aid on an accident victim without medical training
B. attempt to help an accident victim without permission
C. help a victim before an ambulance arrives
D. call for an ambulance instead of helping the victim

9. Dr. Ellen Ochoa is an inventor and is also the first female Hispanic astronaut. Her inventions include technology to help robots inspect equipment in space to maintain safety and quality control on spacecraft. Before retiring, she logged more than 1,000 hours in space across several space missions.

According to the passage, Dr. Ochoa is the first
A. Hispanic person to travel into space
B. inventor to travel into space
C. woman to travel into space
D. Hispanic woman to travel into space

10. Dogs and cats make very different types of pets. Before deciding whether to buy or adopt a dog or a cat, prospective owners need to carefully consider their own lifestyles and personalities. Dogs may make more affectionate companions, but they require more care and attention. They must be taken out several times a day and should not be left alone for more than a few hours. Larger dogs require significant exercise to remain fit and healthy. Cats are usually more independent in nature and interact less with their owners. Also, a cat can be left on its own all day, or even for several days, as long as it has food and clean water to drink.

From this passage a reader can conclude that
A. owning a cat requires less work than owning a dog
B. people who are away from home during the day should not own a cat
C. people who like to play with their pets should own a cat
D. owning a cat is more responsibility than owning a dog.

**Answer Key ESL Reading Skills**
1. C
2. D
3. A
4. A
5. D
6. C
7. A
8. B
9. D
10. A
ACCUPLACER ESL Listening Test
The ESL Listening Skills test measures your ability to listen to and understand one or more people speaking in English. Conversations take place in a wide range of locations including lecture halls, grocery stores, and libraries. During the Listening section there will be three components to each question: 1) the dialogue, 2) the question, and 3) the answer choices.

ACCUPLACER ESL Writeplacer (Written Essay)
The WritePlacer ESL test gives you an opportunity to show how well you can develop and express your ideas in writing. A brief statement will be presented, followed by an assignment that relates to the statement. You should respond to the assignment by writing an essay in which you develop your point of view. You will be given up to one hour to work on it. You should support your position with appropriate reasoning and examples. The position you take will not influence your score. Your essay will be graded on how clearly and effectively you expressed your position. The following four characteristics of writing will be considered.

Word Use - The extent to which you can a wide range of words and phrases accurately.
Sentence Use - The extent to which you use a variety of sentence patterns with both independent and dependent clauses.
Grammar - The extent to which you can express ideas using grammatically correct English.
Organization and Development - The extent to which you can focus on the assigned topic and to develop ideas clearly.

Sample Prompt
Passage:
A woman recently received an inheritance of $25 million from an unknown, distant relative. She cannot decide what to do: spend it, save it, or give most of it away.

Assignment:
If you suddenly received a large sum of money, what would you do with it?

Sample Essays:
Sample Essay #1 – Score of 1
If I suddenly received a large sum of money. One first thing I’m give some money help for children hospital, I am helping get well and happy. Because I think they are happy me happy too, then after that I am come my country. Because my country have a lot of poor people need helping.

They are need food and healthy. And the last think I would like to travel arround the world helping poor people them neee. That all my decide.

Annotations
This writing sample contains a basic attempt to organize details (One first thing . . . . then after that . . . . And the last think), but development is list-like and demonstrates a simplistic expression of ideas. Frequent errors in word selection and word forms obscure meaning (I’m give some money help . . . . they are happy me happy too . . . I am come my country), and the writing sample exhibits little control of grammatical forms (Because my country have a lot of poor people need helping. They are need food and healthy). Exhibiting little competency in the elements of on-demand essay writing in English, this writing sample receives a score of 1.

Sample Essay #2 – Score of 1
If i suddenly recevied a large sum of money, I gave most of it away. I gave most of money for the people that they need this money. Someone that don’t have job, or he or she can’t do job, because he or she is sick. They can use
the money for their life. Their children can go to school, in cold weather can wear warm clothes, they can eat good foods.

If i suddenly received a large sum of money, I can spend one part of my money to my friends that they need money to do everything that they want. they can give me my money later, or when they don’t need my money.

Annotations
Demonstrating little competency in the elements of on-demand essay writing in English, this writing sample exhibits a simplistic expression of ideas and little development or organization. A very limited range of vocabulary results in vague ideas that provide minimal understanding (They can use the money for their life . . . . they can eat good foods. . . . they need money to do everything that they want). There is little control of grammatical forms. Multiple errors in sentence punctuation, including a fragment (Someone that don’t have job, or he or she can’t do job, because he or she is sick) reveal little control of sentence use. This writing sample earns a score of 1.

Description of Score of 2
Sample Essay #1 – Score of 2
If I would receive a large sum of money,that lots of things I want to do. As a student, I want to get more and more knowledge and look around the world,so I wish I can study abroad,to know different culture of some countries,that I must need a large sum of money to support my study plan!

Of course $25 million are a large sum of money, except help me to study plan,I could do other things. I think many people will use these money to buy cars,houses,...and so on,but I don’t agree with these are good ideas. If you only use money but don’t make more and more money,that one day,most of your money will be spent out. I have a future plan. I would find a company,at the first it must a developing company and it have a huge developing space. That I will use my money to give it some help. In the future when I have finished my study plan,I think I could get more money and use these money,maybe I can build a company by myself. I’m not only see one $25 million!

In fact,I always consider the money is a tool,it used to help me to get my each purpose. I’m a person,my life is the “running”. When I make out a dream,soon I have a next dream. At the last you will find that you get your dream, the money only is a number! I think I will give all of my money to many poor ares in the world,use my power to help as more as possible people get their dreams.

Annotations
This writing sample demonstrates rudimentary development of ideas and inconsistent competency in word use (I’m a person,my life is the “running” . . . . At the last you will find that you get your dream, the money only is a number!). The first body paragraph contains an attempt to focus on the writer’s plan to invest the inheritance in a “developing company”; however, the explanation contains frequent errors in word selection and word forms that often obscure meaning (Of course $25 million are a large sum of money, except help me to study plan,I could do other things). Commas and periods are used to mark sentence boundaries, but there are many errors (As a student, I want to get more and more knowledge and look around the world,so I wish I can study abroad,to know different culture of some countries, that I must need a large sum of money to support my study plan!). Exhibiting limited competency in the elements of on-demand essay writing in English, this writing sample receives a score of 2.

Sample Essay #2 – Score of 2
If I suddenly recieve a large sum of money, I can’t decide easily, neither. Like,when I go shopping many thing looks good,so I want to buy all of them. but I have too much money, I would hesitate and could’n decide.

ok, I got plans with it.
First of all, I will deposit half of it. I think bank is safe place. And I will buy ticket for going to Europe. I have to reserve hotel, too. (I want to go especially London)

I want to take trip as long as possible.

And I go to shopping mall, I will buy gift for my family, freinds and many things for trip.

If I have enough money to buy house and car, I will buy that. And I will held a big party in my new house, or reserve convention room. I can’t forget famouce band.

Before going to europe, I will give some money to my family.(I think my dad will buy many thing for fishing and climbing, mom will save that money, my sister will buy clothes, brother will buy computer and games. No wonder.)

At last, I send some money to poor family with no name.

And then, I will go to air port to have a great time in Europe.

How about my plan??

If you have a plan better than mine, tell me.

I will think about yours.

Annotations
This writing sample displays limited competency in the elements of on-demand essay writing in English. A haphazard arrangement of details reveals an inconsistent ability to express ideas clearly in an organized pattern (I want to take trip as long as possible. And I go to shopping mall). Frequent errors in word selection, word forms, and spelling (recieve, freinds, famouce) often obscure meaning. Although some minimal attempts to coordinate sentences are evident, errors in grammatical forms are numerous (If I suddenly recieve a large sum of money, I c'an't decide easily, neither. . . . but I have too much money, I would hesitate and could'nt decide). This writing sample merits a score of 2.
punctuation occur (After this, my husband will continue his studies and we’ll try to have a baby for who I’ll offer beautiful things and I’ll spend with him a nice time). Varied and numerous errors in grammatical forms also occur (This one is very difficult, so during this preparation we could not work... medical school are very expensive... If we’ll pass this exam). This writing sample merits a score of 3.

Sample Essay #2 – Score of 3
If Someday i recive a large sum of money like the woman of the example. One of the first things i would do is to take a nice trip to Europe and Know all the historical places. It Would take a really long time but it’s worthy.

After travel over europe My Second Choice would be to get a really nice guitar gear. Lots of new Music Equipment. And play like a freak for a couple of years.Use money to have a nice OWN Studio and do some nice recordings.

When i achive the mini-musical adventure i would do some business for sure. To be more specific i would be really pleased being inversionsit.One of my first invest would be in Telecomunications Companys and liquor enterprises too. Winnos and Internet obsessives will exist almost forever(HHAHHAHA). Nice money on those Markets.

If those three points come true it would be a pleasure to become an Philathropist Help People of the world with bizarre diseases. People suffering of Hunger. I think when you have nothing to care about in your persola life you start to care about others people way of living... Am I right????(HAHA). I would like to save some dolphins too..NAH..No way. I think I wouldn’t be a nice philanthropist. But i would give it a try 100% Sure!.

Then after all those no-sense ideas i would like to re-join Musical Studys. To know some more of my beloved art Music especially guitar.I would be composing all day long and studying how to handle Harmonies in every way it culd be possible. Finally i would dedicate all posible time to teach my kids how to do a relationship with music and real life...thats a big bizarre issue you gotta believe me guys!

Well those are the basic ideas that comes to my mind. I think most of it are dreams of childhood but who isn’t still a child on his own mind most of the day? I think everyone of us have a kid in our brain but we have to know how to control him perhaps i cant control him much. I think many of us were dreaming at 10yo with being A SuperSports-Star. This childhood dream keeps me awake many nights thinking in how to become a Football Super Heroe it never happened but i still remember with some melancholy. I think i have nothisg to add here now im leaving. See you good luck.

Annotations
This writing sample exhibits an emerging use of paragraphs and topic sentences (If those three points come true it would be a pleasure to become an Philathropist... Then after all those no-sense ideas i would like to re-join Musical Studys). A weak overall focus and cursory development of subtopics prevent the reader from gaining a thorough understanding of the subject. Although there is an emerging use of complex vocabulary, errors in word selection and spelling sometimes obscure meaning (When i achive the mini-musical adventure... To be more specific i would be really pleased being inversionsit). Distracting errors in punctuation occur (After travel over europe My Second Choice would be to get a really nice guitar gear. Lots of new Music Equipment... Use money to have a nice OWN Studio and do some nice recordings), but an emerging control of grammatical forms is evident. Demonstrating an emerging competency in the elements of on-demand essay writing in English, this writing sample earns a score of 3.

Description of Score of 4
Sample Essay #1 – Score of 4
If i suddenly recieve a large sum of money i would do three things with it. First, i will give a part of it to the charity. Second, i will buy a house for my family. Third, i will save a part of it for me so that i can start my own business when i am ready.
First, I will give a part of it to the charity so that they could help the poor people. I believe that if I help them, God will help me. I have seen the life of poor people, they don’t have good clothes, they don’t have enough food to eat. They live in slums. When poor people get sick they don’t get the best medication. I will help those poor people by paying a part of my money. So that they could have enough food to eat and good clothes to wear. They could have the medication when they get sick.

Second, I will buy a house for my family. We live in an apartment and there is not enough space for us to keep our things. We cannot even speak loud and cannot listen to music loud. We cannot cook outside the apartment, we cannot play in front of the door. We cannot have a dish outside on our air conditioner. In our house, we will be able to almost anything we want. We can listen to music as loud as we want, we can speak loud, we can play and cook in the backyard of our house, we can have a dish on the roof of our house.

Third, I will save a part of it for me so that I can start my own business when I am ready. I will go to an expensive college and get the best education which I will need to start my business. I can make a lot more money if I start my own business than working on a job for another company. I will also be my own boss. I don’t have to listen to anybody else or there will be nobody to give orders to me. I will become a lot richer than before if I start my own business. I will be able to give jobs to a lot of people who need them.

Finally, if I suddenly receive a large sum of money, I will do three things. First, I will give a part of it to the charity. Second, I will buy a house for my family. Third, I will save a part of it for myself, so that I can start my own business when I am ready.

Annotations
This writing sample exhibits moderate control of focus, organization, and supporting detail. The response displays evidence of the use of a prewriting strategy by laying out a simple but clear organizational plan in the introduction (First, I will give a part of it to the charity. Second, I will buy a house for my family. Third, I will save a part of it for me so that I can start my own business when I am ready). The writer follows through with this plan in the body of the response, including topic sentences at the beginning of each paragraph. Some supporting details, however, are only loosely connected (We cannot even speak loud and cannot listen to music loud. We cannot cook outside the apartment, we cannot play in front of the door). The writing sample demonstrates moderate control of a wide and complex range of vocabulary (I will go to an expensive college and get the best education which I will need to start my business), but some distracting errors in word selection and word forms occur (I will help those poor people by paying a part of my money. . . . we will be able to almost anything . . . . I don’t have to listen to anybody else or there will be nobody to give orders to me). Control of sentences is uneven; the response demonstrates an ability to correctly form basic structures but contains few attempts at more challenging constructions. Syntactic repetition lacks purpose, leading to an occasionally monotonous quality to the writing (We cannot even speak loud, we cannot cook, we cannot play). Repetitive errors in punctuation (I have seen the life of poor people, they don’t have good clothes, they don’t have enough food to eat) are distracting but do not interfere with comprehension. Displaying moderate control of the elements of on-demand essay writing in English, this writing sample receives a score of 4.

Sample Essay #2 – Score of 4
Many people would spend all the money to themselves if they get a chance to have it. But if I get to have a large amount of the money, I will do something different from other people. If I receive a large amount of the money, I would save some but give half of them to my family or to my parents.

The reason why I want to save it is because, first, I can use them for later. If I have to use the money for buying a presents or have to pay for my college money, I can use the money and pay it. That way I do not need to ask my parents for the money and make others think that I do not have any money to myself.

Second, I can save them for emergency reason. Just incase my house gets on fire or my car gets broke down or somebody steals something from me, I can use the money to get a new house or fix the car or reward a person who finds the thief.
Third, I can use them for my self. If I want to go to a vacation, I can use the money for the plane ticket or to pay the train to go to any country that I would like to visit. In addition, I can spend the money for entertainment.

I always wanted to go to broadway show. If I get the money I would take my friends to New York and watch the show.

But I want to give the half of money to my parents or to my family. Becasue If my grand parents gets sick or they gets into the accident and do not have enough money to pay the hospital bill, I can certenley help them by giving the money that I have. Also If one of my family memeber want to open a store or wants to go to a vacation or to trip with their friends, I can give some money to make them do what they wants to do.

Most people says that a person would do anything to get a money or if they have a money. Receiving a large amount of money would make me think lot of stuff or makes me do lot of things. But If I have a large amount of money, I am not going to have all of them to myself. I am going to share my joy and luck with people that I care about. So again, I will give some to my family so they can help theirselves with it and have some for myself and enjoy what I have.

**Annotations**

This writing sample establishes a focus on how the writer would “do somthing different” with a large inheritance and exhibits evidence of a prewriting strategy, demonstrating moderate control of organization. Each body paragraph begins with a topic sentence that introduces a distinct reason why the money should be saved or given away. Within paragraphs, supporting details clarify the topic by adding depth and specificity (I can spend the money for entertainment. I always wanted to go to a broadway show. If I get the money I would take friends to New York and watch the show). Although the writing sample displays moderate control of complex and varied sentence structure (Just incase my house gets on fire or my car gets broke down or somebody steals something from me, I can use the money to get a new house or fix the car or reward a person who finds the thief), some distracting errors in word selection and word forms occur (spend all the money to theirself . . . . pay for my college money . . . . make them do what they wants to do). While there are repetitive errors in grammatical forms (Most people says that a person would do anything to get a money or if they have a money. . . . If I have a large amount of money, I am not going to have all of them to myself), these errors do not interfere with comprehension. Exhibiting moderate control of the elements of on-demand essay writing in English, this writing sample earns a score of 4.

**Description of Score of 5**

**Sample Essay #1 – Score of 5**

If I suddenly received a large sum of money, at first I wouln’t know what to do with it. Maybe the first thing that would come to my mind would be to spend it all on those who I care for and me. But than it would probably take me a while before deciding what to do with it. I wouln’t know what to spend it on or who to give it to. I would defenetly go crazy. But after I’m calm, I would sit down and make up my mind and decide if I would keep the money and buy all of the things that I have always dreamed of buying, or if I would just give it all away to help all of the poor people around the world.

But if I was to keep the money, I would buy my mom a huge luxurious house. This house would have an enormous kitchen just like my mom would like it. The house would have to have six bedrooms and five bathrooms, a big living-room and a big dinning-room. It would also needd to have a big back yard, because there would need be enough space for a swimming pool. Than after I would buy my mom, my sister, my daughter and my self a brad new car.

Than I would pay for all of my sister’s, my daughter and my college expenses. Than we would go shopping, we would have to travel to New York California and Miami to get all the latest things in fashion.
Than we would go to Mexico, travel all Mexico starting from the north and ending with the south. Than go to Italy
I’ve always dreamed about going to Italy and while I’m there probably buy a house over there too, I would buy it in
Rome or in Venice. Than come back to Reno live at my mom’s huge house go to college watch my daughter grow
and give all the rest of the money left to my mom. That way she wouldn’t need to work ever again But let’s be
realistic it would be nice having and doing all of those fun things, but there are people who would need the money
more than I do. People who are dying cause of hunger, kids who don’t have a warm house or even the basic staf
that we have like clothes and shoes. I would create a foundation specially to help those poor people all around the
world. I would buy an airplane so I could personally take all of the things people donate. I would like to help all the
poor people around the world. I would take the cane food, clothes, money and would teach them how read and
write. Ofcorse I would need the help of other people because I couldn’t do it buy my self. With all of the money that
I would have I would biuld schools, houses and hospitals for them. My goal would be not to have poor people all
around the world, it would be a great satisfaction to accomplish that.

When you do or buy things for your self it feels good but I’ve learned that when you do or buy things for ohter
people you get a greater satisfaction. That is why I would rather spend all of the money on those poor people, I
would love to help them out. It would be better to use the money for a good cause such as this one. And I think that
our woruld would be different if we would all help out thoses people just alittle bit. But this is who I spend the money
on, if I suddently received a large sum of money.

Annotations
The writer presents a compelling dilemma in the opening paragraph, wondering whether it is preferable
to “buy all of the things that I have always dreamed of” or “give it all away to help all of the poor people
around the world.” Subsequent body paragraphs display a consistent control of focus through an
exploration of each option. Initially, the writer imagines what it would be like to keep the money,
supplying specific details that help the reader visualize the trappings of luxury (an enormeous kitchen, six
bedrooms and five bathrooms, . . . enough space for a swimming pool). In the third body paragraph,
however, an effective transition (But let’s be realistic) shifts the focus to a discussion of how the money
could be better spent helping those who “need the money more than I do.” This analytical development
builds to the writer’s ultimate conclusion that spending money on those in need provides greater
fulfillment. Consistent control of a wide and complex range of vocabulary is evident (luxurious house,
create a foundation, great satisfaction), though a few distracting errors in word forms and spelling occur
(the cane food, buy my self). The writing sample generally exhibits consistent control of sophisticated and
varied sentence structure (When you do or buy things for your self it feels good but I’ve learned that
when you do or buy things for ohter people you get a greater satisfaction). While there are some
distracting errors in punctuation and other aspects of grammar, these errors do not interfere with
comprehension. Exhibiting consistent control of the elements of on-demand essay writing in English, this
writing sample merits a score of 5.

Sample Essay #2 – Score of 5
If I recieved a large sum of money, for instance $25 million! I would send a portion of it to the countries that were hit
by the biggest natural disaster recorded in the history of the world. After that i would ofcourse put some of that
money into my bank account or i would plan on opening a small business.finally i would send the money that is left
over to my country pakistan to the poor people over there.

Outof $25 million i would send $5 million to the countries where the tsunami hit to help the countries recover from
this tragic event. The country can supply needs for the citizens such as food and shelter with the extra money they
will be recieving. The money can also help the cost to rebuild the vocationing places that were also destroyed by
the tsunami.

Well after the money is sent to the countries i would invest the the $10 million into a small business that will keep
my money comming in. A smart man always invests to double or even triple the ammount of his profits. I would buy
a small franchise such as subway or a Burger King to keep the money flowing.
Of course I am also going to put some money in the bank to have a safe place just in case the business doesn’t function probably. I would put $5 million in the bank.

Finally with the $5 million that I will still have left over I would send that money to my country to help the poor make a living. My country which is Pakistan has the largest population of lower or even no class citizens. I am one of the lucky ones who has a golden opportunity to come here and make something of myself. So I would send the money over there to support the poor and provide them with food and the basic essentials of life.

In conclusion, these are the three things I would do if I suddenly received a large sum of money. Maybe I will donate a small portion of it to ST. Peter’s college and then I can have my name on a big wall in of the campuses, wouldn’t that be something?

Annotations
This writing sample exhibits consistent control of focus, organization, and supporting details and displays the use of a prewriting strategy with some analytical development (Finally with the $5 million that I will still have left over I would send that money to my country . . . . I am one of the lucky ones who has a golden opportunity to come here and make something of myself. So I would send the money over there to support the poor). In the introduction, the writer lays out three ideas for how to use 25 million dollars (providing disaster relief, opening a small business, and aiding the poor in Pakistan). Subsequent paragraphs elaborate on each of these ideas, conveying a sense of planning. There is consistent control of a wide and complex range of vocabulary (A smart man always invests to double or even triple the amount of his profits. I would buy a small franchise . . . to keep the money flowing), but a few distracting errors in word selection and spelling occur (to rebuild the vacationing places). The writing sample generally displays consistent control of sophisticated and varied sentence structure; consistent control of grammatical forms is also evident. Some distracting errors in word order, punctuation, and other aspects of grammar occur (finally I would send the money that is left over to my country Pakistan to the poor people over there), but these errors do not interfere with comprehension. This writing sample exhibits consistent control of the elements of on-demand essay writing in English and earns a score of 5.

Description of Score of 6
Sample Essay #1 – Score of 6
The question is “What would I do if I suddenly received a large sum of money?” For myself this question will not be hard to answer.

I have been married for 16 years and began having children at the age of 20. I thought that I was mature enough to handle everything that came along with that responsibility, boy was I wrong. I forgot about one of the most important parts of raising children and that is the financial responsibility. Ever since getting married and having children life, financially, has been one long struggle. Everything from food and shelter to enrolling kids in extra activities to driving used vehicles. Everything costs money. Whoever said that money doesn’t make you happy was an idiot. I have everything but that.

If I was to suddenly receive a large sum of money I know exactly what I would do. First and foremost, a vacation has been well deserved for a long time. I would take my family of four (and two dogs) on a fun, warm, exciting vacation to Disney World for two weeks and then to Cancun for another two weeks while I thought everything through. After the vacation I would then begin ordering all the material things we have ever wanted, within reason. These would of course be a new house, around 1800 square feet fully furnished with a huge kitchen.

Then for sure we would be able to have a fully stocked kitchen. My kids could have their friends over to eat anytime without having to worry about budgeting the food for the month. We would have new furniture and everything would match. My husband and kids would then not be embarrassed to invite their friends over to entertain. Then of course we could have new vehicles, with warranties, so that we could take our family out to the beach and not be concerned whether or not the car would make it there and whether or not we could afford the gas. We have to budget that also.
The thing that would most excite me about this huge sum of money is that we could all get the educations we want and deserve. I am thirty six years old and just going back to school to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. This is a very scary time for me but the scariest thing is the amount of sacrificing my family will have to do financially. The reason we have agreed on this sacrifice is so that I can get a job that can help support my children so they can get an education. I don't want them to have to take out student loans and start out in debt. This is just something I feel strongly about.

After all our needs and some of our wants are taken care of, I would then begin to help outside family and specific charities that I believe in.

I would love to donate money to underprivileged children who do not get the opportunity to play in extra activities outside of school, such as hockey and baseball. These activities were our saving grace. They have kept us busy as a family and they keep my kids off the street looking for trouble. Their time is occupied by these extra activities. I believe these activities, whatever they are, help build children's characters and teach them structure and discipline. Not enough money is given to these children to help out with equipment and out of town tournaments, so this is where the money could come in handy. In order for us to pay for these extras for my children I deliver the Leader Post every morning at 4:30 am. Not everyone can do this, so this is where I would love to help.

I believe that coming into a large sum of money at this time would be beneficial for my family because of everything we have gone through and learned about life. For other people who haven't been so lucky this money could be a downfall for them. I have heard of such horror stories.

In conclusion I would like to say that perhaps everything happens in life for a reason. Will I ever come into a large sum of money? Probably not but if I ever did trust me I would not have a problem spending it, after all you only live once.

Annotations

Demonstrating strong control of focus, organization, and supporting details, this writing sample exhibits an insightful and engaging expression of ideas (I thought that I was mature enough to handle everything that came along with that responsibility, boy was I wrong. I forgot about one of the most important parts of raising children and that is the financial responsibility). Consistent accuracy in idiomatic expression demonstrates a strong awareness of audience and purpose (boy was I wrong. . . . our saving grace . . . . horror stories). Support throughout the writing is specific and relevant with carefully selected details that enhance understanding (two dogs, 1800 square feet, Licensed Practical Nurse, the Leader Post). Transitional phrases within paragraphs strengthen organization by reinforcing connections between sentences (First and foremost, After the vacation, These would of course be, Then for sure). The writing sample displays strong control of a wide and complex range of vocabulary (I believe these activities, whatever they are, help build children's characters and teach them structure and discipline), although errors in word selection, word forms, and spelling do occur (under privileged). The writing sample generally exhibits strong control of sophisticated and varied sentence structure, with few errors (I don’t want them to have to take out student loans and start out in debt. . . . After all our needs and some of our wants are taken care of, I would then begin to help outside family and specific charities that I believe in). There is also strong control of grammatical forms (I believe that coming into a large sum of money at this time would be beneficial for my family because of everything we have gone through and learned about life). Exhibiting strong control of the elements of on-demand essay writing in English, this writing sample merits a score of 6.

Sample Essay #2 – Score of 6

There are lots of things that we can do with a large sum of money in this world. We can spend them for ourselves or spend them for others. Since my parents are busy working to make a living for their four children, and I am interested in volunteering, I would spend that large amount of money for my family and volunteering.
First, I would use some of money for my family to ease my parents burden by paying tuitions and loans and to show my thanks for them by making family trip. Since my family has four children who are all enrolling certain kinds of schools, it is hard to paying all educational fees while they need other money for the necessities in daily lives.

Moreover, as I am studying as an international student outside my home country, it requires much more money, even twice as much money as usual students spend for their tuitions and living things in my home country, Japan. So it would be quite helpful for my parents to pay tuitions and fees of all their four children. Also, I would use that money for loans of our house. Seven years ago, my parents bought a house in a city, which is convenient or children to go to schools, and which is comfortable for my entire family to live in. The loan will not be compled paying even my parents become old enough to retire their jobs. It could harden their lives since they have to pay for house loans after finish and retire their jobs. Therefore, I would like to use the money for paying house loans to ease the burden of my parents so that they can seek their interests and hobbies to enrich their lives. To add to that, I'd like to spend that money to show my thanks to my parents and grandparents. They have been busy working to make a living for themselves and for their families. They've even sacrificed their times for their jobs, in other words, they've been trying hard to make our lives better by working extra hours. Because of that, I really like to show my gratitude for them by making family trips, where they can relax and enjoy their own time.

Next, I would like to spend that money for volunteering by donating and using them to join some volunteer works. I would donate part of them for the organizations like NGO, Red Cross, WHO and so forth to help people in the third world. Today, every single day, there are hundreds of thousands people dying from disease, starvation, malnutrition and other reasons caused by poverty and lack of education. I believe that those money I donate would help improve their lives by educating them, constructing sanitary facilities, giving them medical care, and providing them foods. Also, not just donate money but I'd like to use them to join those works as a volunteer. I want to actually contribute those works. But, it costs lots of money if I go to abroad to help people such as Sudan, Philipin, Nepalre and Indnesia. So, I'd like to use it for my own experiences of volunteering.

In those ways, I would like to use a large amount of money if I recieve it. I would spend it on my family and volunteering, in other words, on private concerns and social matters.

Annotations
Displaying an insightful and engaging expression of ideas, this essay exhibits strong control of focus, organization, and supporting details. The writing provides considerable depth of support, particularly in the first body paragraph where substantial development supplies thorough information about the predicament of the writer’s parents. In addition, skillful transitions and varied sentence structures enable a smooth progression of ideas (Moreover, as I am studying as an international student outside my home country, it requires much more money, even twice as much money as usual students spend for their tuitions and living things in my home country, Japan. So it would be quite helpful for my parents to pay tuitions and fees of all their four children). Despite some errors in word selection, word forms, and spelling (compled paying; join those works), there is strong control of a wide and complex range of vocabulary (. . . there are hundreds of thousands of people dying from disease, starvation, malnutrition and other reasons . . . . I belive that those money I donat e would help improve thier lives by educating them, constructing sanitary facilities, giving them medical care, and providing them foods). The essay also demonstrates strong control of grammatical forms, and while it has errors in word order, punctuation, and other aspects of grammar (Since my family has four children who are all enrolling certain kinds f schools, it is hard to paying all educational fees while they need other money for the necessities in daily lives), these errors do not interfere with comprehension. Exhibiting strong control of the elements of on-demand essay writing in English, this essay receives a score of 6.