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What is the TSI?

The TSI (Texas Success Initiative) tests for college readiness. It is a placement exam, not a pass-fail test.

The TSI is a series of three tests: Math, Reading, and Writing.

- The Math and Reading sections are multiple choice.
- The Writing portion is divided into two sections: Grammar and Essay.
- Grammar is multiple choice, and depending on your score, you may have to write an essay.

The TSI can be taken at one time or divided into sections. Once the test is begun, it must be completed in 12 days.

Scores are printed after completion of all sections indicated on test ticket.



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**TSI – TIPS,
TRICKS, AND
GENERAL
INFORMATION**

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Tips for taking a computer based test:

- **Read it at least two times**, slowly.
- Get a feel for the problem.
- Get a grasp on what is given and what needs to be solved.
- Predetermine the steps needed to solve.
- Use the multiple-choice answers to guide your strategies.
- Be sure you answer what they ask for.
- Check to see if the answer is reasonable.
- Check to see that you went through every step.
- Eliminate the answers you know are wrong
- Each question must be answered before continuing to the next question

Be sure the answer is in the right units.

REMEMBER: The TSI is untimed. You have until closing time.

Remember to breathe.

Make sure that you read each question thoroughly. If you have to read the problem twelve times to understand it, that is okay.

Questions to ask before reading a passage

On the surface

What is the passage about?

What is the main idea or position?

How are details used for support?

How are key words used?

Down Below

What is the purpose for writing the passage?

What are the presuppositions (background beliefs)?

What is implied or “below the surface”?

What is the tone or emotion?

Use scratch paper to take

notes, write down your

thoughts, and work through

problems.



What are you being asked?

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Additional Resources:

Austin Community College TSI Assessment Preparation: Free App, Practice Tests, and Reviews

<https://sites.austincc.edu/tsiprep/>

-College Board: Sample Questions and General Information

https://www.collegeboard.org/search?tp=usearch&x=15&x1=u4&q1=ACCUPLACER&y=13&logo=accuplacer&searchType=accu_site&word=tsi

College Board Free Study App:

<https://www.mometrix.com/academy/tsi-test/>

Lone Star College Test Preparation: Test Materials, Reviews, and Practice Tests

<http://www.lonestar.edu/test-preparation.htm>

Mometrix Test Preparation: Reviews, Practice Tests, and Study Guides

<https://www.mometrix.com/academy/tsi-test/>

Test Prep Review by Mometrix: Test Reviews, Practice Tests, and Self-Assessments

<https://www.testprepreview.com/texas-success-initiative.htm>

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) at Houston Community College

TSI Pre-Assessment Activity: Practice Tests and Optional Resources

<http://ctle.hccs.edu/gcpass/tsipracticetests/tsipracticetests.htm>

TSI Practice Test.com: Practice Tests and Study Guides

<http://www.tsipracticetest.com/tsi-reading-practice-test/>

