

Five Key Context Analysis Questions

1. What is my time limit?
2. What kinds of writing aids are available to me? Is there, for example, a writing checklist, a rubric, and so on?
3. What are the targeted skills? What particular thinking of writing skills does this test require? What standards are being assessed?
4. What kind of format is expected? Will a five-paragraph essay work here or is some other format required?
5. What specialized expectations are implicit in this particular writing task? For example, is length or audience specified?