Darton College
COMPASS Placement Test

Some applicants will take all three parts of the COMPASS test. Some students will take only one or two parts.

This test is not timed. On the reading and writing portions, you may be shown one essay or several essays.

Pay attention to the instructions.

Before you begin each test, instructions will be presented. Previews are below and on the second page.

If you have questions about the instructions before the test, ask the test administrator.

COMPASS is not timed. Average times vary from one and a half hours to two and a half hours.

*There is no going back to a passage after you choose to Go On. Make ALL changes before you choose Go On.

Instructions for Writing/English are on the second page.
Writing/English – Editing Essay Questions

Once you confirm that you have Finished Editing your Essay, you cannot return to this screen. Make any changes before you click on the finished button.

Choose one of the 5 options that appear in this box by clicking on your answer.

A. The first option A will always read the same as the original text in the essay.
B. Option with changes
C. Option with changes
D. Option with changes
E. Option with changes

Your choice will automatically appear in the essay on the left.

The essay in this box will have many errors. Your task is to find the errors and to correct them, one at a time.

First, highlight any word(s) that you think should be changed.

Second, make your choice of change from the options listed in the box to the right.

Repeat the process for the next error you locate in the essay.

Writing/English – Strategy Questions/Tasks

Your corrected essay will be in this box. Answer the questions on the right based on the essay in this box.

The little squares in the right hand corner tell you how many questions you must answer about this essay.

Questions about the essay will appear in this box.

A. Multiple choice answers
B. will be presented
C. in this manner.

Highlight your answer.

You must answer all questions before you can Go On. You may change your answers before you Go On.

Click on the numbered boxes, one at a time, to access questions about the essay.

After you Go On, you cannot go back.