

Chinese American Teachers Association
2007 CBEST PREP COURSE

Course Syllabus

A. MATH SECTION

Session #	Date	Topics of Study
1	April 21, 2007	General Math Info (symbols, terminology, formulae) Mock Test

B. WRITING AND READING SECTIONS

Besides practicing and perfecting the "how-to's" of writing and reading, test-taking strategies will also be emphasized. As part of our goal to conquer the CBEST, here are some of the functions of our class:

- Informing and familiarizing you with the format of the writing and reading sections
- Providing an arena for discussion and brainstorming about possible ways to convey our ideas, memories, and opinions on paper
- Serving as a writer's workshop to sharpen structural and grammatical aspects of writing
- Providing practice and feedback for your writing and reading comprehension skill

* Reading - Sampling published articles

Session	Date	Writing	Reading
1	April 28	Course and exam overview Diagnostic Test	Course and exam overview Testwiseness - The " Magic 8 ""*
2	May 5	Grammar Point Prewriting/Brainstorming The Personal Experience Essay (1)	Diagnostic Test /Sample Test The Main Idea *
3	May 12	Grammar Point The Personal Experience Essay (2)	Model Reading Test (1) Vocabulary *
4	May 19	Grammar Point Argumentative/Analytical Essay(1)	Model Reading Test (2) Cause and Effect *
5	May 26	Grammar Point Argumentative/Analytical Essay(2)	Model Reading Test (3) Compare and Contrast *
6	June 2	Grammar Point Compare and Contrast Essay	Job Search - Resume, Education Philosophy, etc *
7	June 9	Review Interview Techniques	Review * Interview Techniques