

2008 CBEST PREP COURSE

Course Syllabus

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	March 1	Course and Exam Overview Diagnostic Test	Course and Exam Overview Testwiseness - The " Magic 8 "**
2	March 8	Grammar Point Prewriting/Brainstorming The Personal Experience Essay (1)	Diagnostic Test /Sample Test The Main Idea *
3	March 15	Grammar Point The Personal Experience Essay (2)	Model Reading Test (1) Vocabulary *
4	March 22	Grammar Point Argumentative/Analytical Essay(1)	Model Reading Test (2) Cause and Effect *
5	March 29	Grammar Point Argumentative/Analytical Essay(2)	Model Reading Test (3) Compare and Contrast *
6	April 5	Grammar Point Compare and Contrast Essay	Job Search - Resume, Education Philosophy, etc *

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