

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

ACCUPLACER TESTING

There are three sections included on the test: reading comprehension, elementary algebra and sentence skills.

Reading Comprehension (20 questions)

- The first type consists of a reading passage followed by a question based on the text. Both short and long passages are provided. The reading passages can also be classified according to the kind of information processing required including explicit statements related to the main idea, explicit statements related to a secondary idea, application, and inference.
- The second type of question, sentence relationships, presents two sentences followed by a question about the relationship between these two sentences. The question may ask, for example, if the statement in the second sentence supports that in the first, if it contradicts it, or if it repeats the same information.

Elementary Algebra (12 questions)

- The first type involves operations with integers and rational numbers, and includes computation with integers and negative rationales, the use of absolute values, and ordering.
- A second type involves operations with algebraic expressions using evaluation of simple formulas and expressions, and adding and subtracting monomials and polynomials. Questions involve multiplying and dividing monomials and polynomials, the evaluation of positive rational roots and exponents, simplifying algebraic fractions, and factoring.
- The third type of question involves the solution of equations, inequalities, word problems, solving linear equations and inequalities, the solution of quadratic equations by factoring, solving verbal problems presented in an algebraic context, including geometric reasoning and graphing, and the translation of written phrases into algebraic expressions.

Sentence Skills (20 questions)

- The first type is **sentence correction** questions that require an understanding of sentence structure. These questions ask you to choose the most appropriate word or phrase to substitute for the underlined portion of the sentence.
- The second type is **construction shift** questions. These questions ask that a sentence be rewritten according to the criteria shown while maintaining essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

Within these two primary categories, the questions are also classified according to the skills being tested. Some questions deal with the logic of the sentence, others with whether or not the answer is a complete sentence, and still others with the relationship between coordination and subordination.

How Much Time Do I Have To Take the Test

The multiple choice tests are untimed; however, the student must finish in time to meet with an admissions counselor prior to the close of business at 5:00 p.m.

What to Take with You to the Tests

On the day of the test, you should be sure to bring **photo identification** and be prepared to stay on campus to meet with an admissions counselor located in **101 Montgomery Hall**. [Click here to view/print map.](#) [Link]

At the End of the Test

Once you have completed a test, a score report will be created. We will provide you the report.

Making an Appointment for Testing

To schedule your ACCUPLACER appointment, please contact Leigh Ann Morgan at 662-325-2224 or by email at leigh.ann.morgan@msstate.edu.

Students with Disabilities

If you require test accommodations due to a documented disability, please contact Leigh Ann Morgan at 662-325-2224 or by email at leigh.ann.morgan@msstate.edu.

Accuplacer Sample Questions

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