

OSSLT

Things you
need to
know

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Test Date:
March 26th

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Prep Sessions:

- February 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th & 24th
- During MSIP (don't miss them!)

After Hours Literacy

- Ms. Lynett is teaching it
- Starts February 18th
- At lunch every Monday & Wednesday
- Pizza! & prep for the test
- Letters were sent home to parents of students strongly recommended to take the AHL
- Forms have to be back by February 18th

What are the two main areas that are assessed on the OSSLT?

Reading and Writing



What is the weighting of each?

45% writing;

55% reading

What are the three types of reading skills that are

assessed?
Explicit – answer is on the page;

Implicit – answer needs students to infer;

Making Connections – student needs to connect answers to themselves or another event or experience



Which of the reading skills is most heavily weighted?

Implicit questions – of the 45 multiple choice reading questions, at least 20 require students to infer.

The four writing skills
that are assessed on the
test:

1. Developing a main idea
2. Organizing information
3. Using conventions
4. Topic development

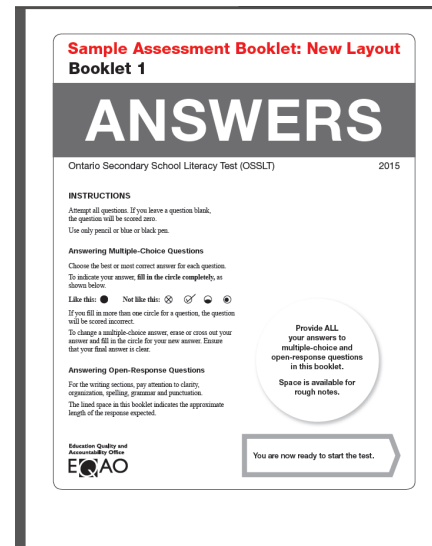
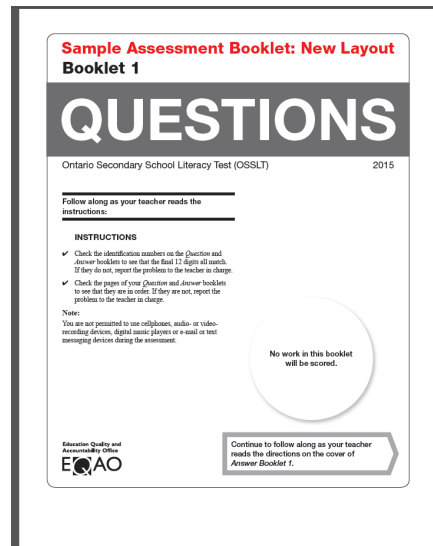
Want to make sure you are on the right
track? Use part of the question in the
answer!! & EXPLAIN!!

Which parts of writing
assessment are worth the

1. Topic development (explain
your answer with lots of
details/examples/support)

2. Using conventions

New Format this year...



- ❖ **Every** answer must be recorded in the Answer Booklet
- ❖ **Nothing** written in the Question Booklet will be scored
- ❖ **Make sure** you are answering the correct questions in the Answer Booklet

What is the minimum score
a student needs to pass the
literacy test?

- ❖ Students must earn a total of 300 (or 75%) to pass this test.

What is the maximum score
a student may obtain on
the literacy test?

❖ 400

❖ Simcoe's highest score has
been 395

❖ Maybe this year YOU will get
400!

What is the approximate value of a single MC

question? A single MC question is worth about 5 marks of the required 300.

- Leave no blanks behind!
- In the past, we had 23 students who missed passing the test by one or two MC questions (only 5 or 10 points).

So, what's the point?

- The point is **every mark counts**. The more you know and can use on the test, the better you will be able to do.
- Prep sessions begin **February 19th** during MSIP – you need to attend EVERY ONE!
- Your teachers will be preparing you for the test & giving you feedback on your work

Top 10 Tips...

- Use Black or Blue pen
- Scribe or computer (IEP only)
- Pre-read
- Underline
- Highlight

Top 10 Tips...

- Add details
- Print or Write Neatly
- Use the space
- Reread Your Answers
- Leave NO Blanks