



General Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST) Information

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The Basics

- 210 minutes (3.5 hours)
- Constructed-Response Questions (Writing)
 - Weighted 60%
 - 15% each for Focused Responses
 - 30% for Extended Response
 - Suggested time: 100 minutes
 - 20 minutes each for Focused Responses
 - 60 minutes for Extended Response
- Selected-Response Questions (Reading)
 - Weighted 40%
 - Suggested time: 110 minutes
 - 22 minutes/reading (8 multiple-choice questions)

Testing Order

- Writing first, reading second
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Whiteboard Function

- May be used for note-taking during readings
- Not possible to underline or highlight text

Flagging Questions

- Leave questions blank but flagged; eliminate wrong answers
- Use Review tool to return to flagged questions
 - Leave yourself time to return
- Use Whiteboard to record the answers you haven't eliminated

We Strongly Recommend

- www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_PM.asp?t=202
- We will be referencing this study guide throughout our presentations
- Barron's NYSTCE EAS/ALST/CSTs/edTPA 4th ed.
 - ISBN: 978-1-4380-0618-5