

DIRECTIONS - Writing CET 4-3

You will have 60 minutes to plan, write, and proofread your response, making any necessary corrections.

Planning

Think about what you want to write.
Reread the prompt to make sure you are writing about the topic.
Make notes. Use your prewriting skills, such as mapping or outlining.
Carefully read the five statements below the prompt. Each statement refers to one of the scorable domains: focus, content, organization, style, and conventions.

Writing

Write your essay on the paper your teacher gives you.
Proofread your essay and make necessary corrections.

READ THE ENTIRE PROMPT CAREFULLY.

The school board has decided to extend the school day for one hour because the state of Pennsylvania has increased the number of things that students must learn each year. Do you agree or disagree with making the school day longer? Write an essay to your principal arguing your case. Make sure to give good explanations of your thoughts and feelings on this subject and reasons to support your argument.

Follow these guidelines as you draft and write.

- ✍ Give enough information so that your reader will know who the person is and why you chose him or her.
- ✍ Give details that are specific and relevant to the person's actions.
- ✍ Present your ideas in a clear and logical order, including an introduction, body and conclusion.
- ✍ Use a variety of words and well-constructed sentences.
- ✍ Correct any errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization and usage.

Proofread your essay and make necessary corrections.