**Level 1**

**GCC Noncredit ESL Verbal Assessment Questions**

**Fall 2012**

*These are examples of questions you are going to have on your verbal assessment at the end of the semester. Answer each question in a complete sentence (unless a short answer is specified).*

1. **Present Continuous**
   1. What are you doing right now?
   2. What are you studying at school?
   3. What are you wearing today?
2. **To Be – Yes/No Questions and Short Answers**
   1. Is your classroom cold?
   2. Are you a teacher?
   3. Are you married?
   4. Are your classmates interesting?
3. **To Be – Information Questions (wh-questions)**
   1. Where do you live?
   2. What time is it?
   3. How’s the weather today?
   4. Who’s your favorite actor?
4. **Adjectives**
   1. Is English easy or difficult?
   2. Are houses in Los Angeles expensive or cheap?
   3. What color are your eyes? What color is your hair?
5. **Possessive Adjectives**
   1. What’s your mother’s name?
   2. What’s your father’s name?
   3. When is your birthday?
6. **Prepositions of Location andTime**
   1. Where’s the clock? *(map, board, pencil, etc.)*
   2. What time is your class?
   3. Where are you from?

d. What street do you live on?

e. What city do you live in?

1. **There Is/There Are**
   1. How many states are there in the United States?
   2. How many students are there in your class?
   3. Is there a grocery store in your neighborhood?
2. **Conjunctions (and, or, but)**
   1. Tell me two things you like.
   2. Tell me something you like and something you don’t like.
3. **Demonstratives – This/That/These/Those**

*(The teacher is going to show you objects or pictures.)*

* 1. What is this?
  2. What are these?
  3. What are those?

1. **Simple Present Tense –Yes/No Questions and Short Answers**
   1. Do you speak Spanish?
   2. Do you speak Armenian?
   3. Does President Obama live in California?
2. **Simple Present Tense – Negatives**
   1. Where don’t you go in the morning?
   2. What don’t you do at night?
3. **Simple Present Tense – Information Questions (wh-questions)**
   1. What do you do in your free time?
   2. What kind of music do you like? *(movies, sports, food, etc.)*
   3. How many hours do you sleep each night?
   4. What do you like to do on rainy days?
   5. Where do you go on the weekend?
   6. How do you usually get to school?
   7. When do you get up in the morning?
4. **Adverbs of Frequency**
   1. When do you usually watch TV? *(study, do laundry, etc.)*
   2. How often do you exercise?
   3. Tell me something you always do during the week.
   4. Tell me something you never do during the week.
   5. Who usually cooks dinner at your home? *(does the laundry, cleans, etc.)*
5. **Contrast of Simple Present and Present Continuous**

*(The teacher is going to show you a picture.)*

* 1. Every Saturday he rides his bike *(plays soccer, goes to a restaurant)*. What’s he doing now?
  2. Now he’s reading the newspaper *(playing basketball, studying, etc.).* What does he do every day?

1. **Can**
   1. Can you play the guitar? *(speak Russian, dance, type,swim, etc.)*
   2. Name one thing you can do and one thing you can’t do.
   3. What languages can you speak?
2. **Have to**
   1. What do you have to do every day?
   2. What does a teacher have to do during every class?
3. **Future: Be Going To**
   1. What are you going to do tomorrow?
   2. Who are you going to see this weekend?
   3. Where are you going to go after class?
4. **Want to**
   1. What do you want to go this weekend?
   2. Where do you want to travel?
5. **Past Tense – Regular Verbs**
   1. What did you do last weekend?
   2. Where did you live before you came to the U.S.?
   3. Who did you call on the phone yesterday?
6. **Past Tense – Yes/No Questions and Short Answers**
   1. Did you see your friends last weekend?
   2. Did you work yesterday?
   3. Did you drive to school today?
7. **Past Tense of To Be**
   1. Where were you born?
   2. How was the weather last week?
   3. Where were you yesterday afternoon?