

Level 4 GCC Noncredit ESL Verbal Assessment

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.

Warm-up Questions

How long have you been studying at GCC?

How did you enjoy your class this semester?

What did you find interesting, easy, or difficult about this class?

1. Adjective Clauses

*Using an adjective clause with **who**, answer the following questions.*

- a. What kind of people do you like? (*I like people . . .*)
- b. What does the word “friend” mean to you? (*A friend is someone . . .*)
- c. What kind of teachers do you like?
- d. What kind of people do you dislike spending time with?

*Using an adjective clause with **that** or **which**, answer the following questions.*

- e. What kind of books are you interested in? (*I’m interested in books . . .*)
- f. What kind of food do you like?
- g. What kind of activities do you enjoy on the weekends?
- h. What type of clothes do you like to wear?

2. Passive Voice

Answer the following questions using the passive voice.

- a. What is California known for?
- b. Where is your native country located?
- c. When will the next U.S. president be elected?
- d. What were you told to do as a child?
- e. What were you told *not* to do as a child?
- f. What products are exported from your native country?
- g. What fruits are grown in California?
- h. Why isn’t food allowed in our classrooms?
- i. What have you been asked to do recently?

3. Causative Verbs

Answer the questions with a causative verb.

- a. What are some things you help your friends do?
- b. What does your teacher have you do?
- c. What does your teacher let you do?
- d. What does your teacher *not* let you do?

4. Past Perfect and Past Perfect Continuous

Answer the questions in the past perfect and past perfect continuous tenses.

- a. When you began this class, what had you already learned in other English classes?
- b. Before you came to the U.S., what kind of work had you been doing?
- c. What had you heard about California before you came here?
- d. Where had you been living before you came here?

5. Past (Perfect) Modals

Answer the questions using a past (perfect) modal (may have, might have, must have, could have, should have, etc.).

- a. Why wasn't your classmate here yesterday?
- b. What should you have done yesterday?
- c. Where could you have gone last weekend?
- d. What could you have done instead of coming to class today?

6. Phrasal Verbs

Answer the questions with a phrasal verb.

- a. Who do you like to get together with on the weekend?
- b. Tell me about someone at school that you get along with.
- c. How often do you eat out?
- d. What are you doing to get ahead in the United States?
- e. Who helps you out at home?
- f. How did you find out about Glendale Community College?
- g. What bad habits have you given up?
- h. When did you first sign up for classes at GCC?

7. Participial Adjectives

Answer the questions using a participial adjective.

- a. What are you excited about doing next year?
- b. How did you feel during your first few weeks in the U.S.?
- c. How do you feel if you don't understand what the teacher is saying?
- d. How do you feel after you learn something new in English?

8. Gerunds and Infinitives

Answer the questions with the verb plus a gerund or an infinitive.

- a. What do you hope to do this weekend?
- b. What is something you can't help doing?
- c. What do you intend to do after completing the ESL program?
- d. What is a household chore that you don't mind doing?
- e. Where do you recommend going on vacation?
- f. What do you want to give up doing?
- g. What do you remember doing in your childhood?
- h. What did you remember to do today?
- i. Tell me something you will never forget doing.
- j. What should you never forget to do?
- k. What do you regret not doing before you came to the U.S.?
- l. What are you usually busy doing in the morning?
- m. What do you try to do every day?
- n. When was the last time you went shopping?
- o. What do you usually have a good time doing?
- p. What do you have a hard time doing?

Answer the following with an infinitive of purpose.

- q. Why are you learning English?
- r. Why should people exercise?
- s. Why do people take vacations?

Answer the following with the adjective plus an infinitive.

- t. Why is it helpful to study English?
- u. What are you eager to do after you finish your studies?