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Key dates for ELAT 2017

Registration opens:

1 September

Requests for modified question papers:

By 30 September

Registration deadline:

15 October by 18.00 BST

This is the same date as the UCAS application deadline

Test date:

2 November

Results:

You can access your ELAT result online from 15 January 2018. Visit the ELAT website for further details.

We will automatically send your ELAT result to the relevant university.

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ENGLISH LITERATURE ADMISSIONS TEST



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Guide for students 2017

Register by 15 October 2017

The English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)

ELAT is a pre-interview admissions test of close reading skills and textual analysis.

You need to take ELAT if you are applying to study any of the following undergraduate courses:

University of Cambridge: English (Q300)*

University of Oxford:

- Classics and English (QQ38 or QQH8)
- English Language and Literature (Q300)
- all English and Modern Languages courses.

If you are applying for a joint course at the University of Oxford, you may also need to take a separate test in your other subject. You can confirm this at:

ox.ac.uk/tests

What's in the test?

The test lasts 90 minutes. You write one essay, comparing two or three passages of unseen poetry, prose or drama.

ELAT is designed to be suitable for any student in their last year of pre-university literary study. It is not a test of wide reading. There are no extra marks for references to specific texts or authors, and you are not expected to apply any theoretical frameworks in your essay.

* Assessment arrangements for mature applicants to the University of Cambridge vary – please check the University of Cambridge website for details: cam.ac.uk/assessment

Where do I take ELAT?

If you are currently attending school or college, you can normally take the test at your school: check with your Exams Officer. If your school is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre – even if you are the only person taking a test. admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre

Once they are a test centre, they will then need to register you as a test candidate separately.

We advise that you take the test at school, if possible, rather than at an alternative authorised test centre. These centres may charge an administration fee.

If you are not attending school or college, you may be able to take the test at your old school: check with the Exams Officer. If this is not possible, you will need to find an authorised test centre where you can take the test.

admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre

When do I register?

Your centre needs to register you. Registration opens on 1 September 2017 and closes on 15 October 2017.

This is done separately from your UCAS application.

You must give your centre your name, date of birth and UCAS number exactly as they have been entered on your UCAS application.

As late registrations are not accepted, ask your centre to register you for ELAT **well before the registration deadline.**

How much does the test cost?

You don't need to pay a test entry fee.

What if I need Access Arrangements?

Access Arrangements are available if you have a disability or special requirement, and are normally entitled to support for exams.

You need to inform your centre of any special requirements when they register you for the test. They will ask for full details and a copy of your medical evidence. Requests for modified question papers must be submitted by your centre by 30 September 2017.

How do I prepare for ELAT?

Doing practice papers in timed conditions is an excellent way to prepare and gets you used to the test format and question style.

You can find free past papers on the ELAT website, as well as other resources including the marking criteria and sample essays with examiner comments.

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