#### Scoring Keys for the ACT Practice Tests

Use the scoring key for each test to score your answer document for the multiple-choice tests. Mark a "1" in the blank for each question you answered correctly. Add up the numbers in each subscore area and enter the total number correct for each subscore area in the blanks provided. Also enter the total number correct for each test in the blanks provided. The total number correct in each subscore area.

#### Test 1: English—Scoring Key

#### **Test 2: Mathematics—Scoring Key**

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1.	В			39.	С			1.	А				35.	D			
2.	J			40.	J			2.	F				36.	F			
3.	D			41.	В			3.	Е				37.	В			
4.	F			42.	F			4.	J				38.	G			
5.	В			43.	В			5.	С				39.	С			
6.	J			44.	J			6.	Κ				40.	G			
7.	D			45.	Α			7.	Е				41.	В			
8.	F			46.	J			8.	Н				42.	F			
9.	A			47.	c			9.	A				43.	D			
10.	н			48.	F			10.	J				44.	н			
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18.	Ğ			56.	Ĥ			18.	J				52.	J			
19.	D			57.	В			19.	D				53.	Е			
20.	F			58.	Н			20.	J				54.	Κ			
21.	В			59.	Α			21.	Е				55.	С			
22.	J			60.	G			22.	G				56.	J			
23.	С			61.	Α			23.	В				57.	Е			
24.	F			62.	Н			24.	Н				58.	G			
25.	С			63.	Α			25.	Α				59.	C			
26.	G			64.	H			26.	G				60.	F			
27.	A			65.	D			27.	В								
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\*EA = Pre-Algebra/Elementary Algebra

AG = Intermediate Algebra/Coordinate Geometry

GT = Plane Geometry/Trigonometry

(UM + RH)

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### Test 3: Reading—Scoring Key

		Subscore Area*	Subsco Area*	Subscore Area*								
	Key	SS AL	Key SS	AL	Key	SS	AL					
1.	D		15. D	29.	А							
2.	Ĥ		16. H	30.	F							
3.	В		17. B	31.	В							
4.	G		18. J	32.	н							
5.	В		19. A	33.	D							
6.	F		20. F	34.	J							
7.	С		21. C	35.	В							
8.	F		22. J	36.	G							
9.	D		23. A	37.	В							
10.	н		24. J	38.	F							
11.	С		25. C		Α							
12.	F		26. F	40.	F							
13.	С		27. C									
14.	G		28. J									

Number Correct (Raw Score) for:	
Social Studies/Sciences (SS) Subscore Area	(20)
Arts/Literature (AL) Subscore Area	(20)
Total Number Correct for Reading Test (SS + AL)	(40)

\*SS = Social Studies/Sciences

AL = Arts/Literature

#### Test 4: Science—Scoring Key

	Key		Key		Кеу
1.	D	 15.	А	 29.	В
2.	J	 16.	G	 30.	Н
З.	В	 17.	D	 31.	С
4.	J	 18.	F	 32.	G
5.	С	 19.	В	 33.	Α
6.	F	 20.	J	 34.	J
7.	D	 21.	С	 35.	Α
8.	G	 22.	J	 36.	G
9.	Α	 23.	Α	 37.	Α
10.	Н	 24.	Н	 38.	F
11.	С	 25.	В	 39.	С
12.	F	 26.	G	 40.	J
13.	В	 27.	С		
14.	Н	 28.	G		

Number Correct (Raw Score) for:	
Total Number Correct for Science Test	(40)

## TABLE 1

#### Explanation of Procedures Used to Obtain Scale Scores from Raw Scores

On each of the four multiple-choice tests on which you marked any responses, the total number of correct responses yields a raw score. Use the table below to convert your raw scores to scale scores. For each test, locate and circle your raw score or the range of raw scores that includes it in the table below. Then, read across to either outside column of the table and circle the scale score that corresponds to that raw score. As you determine your scale scores, enter them in the blanks provided on the right. The highest possible scale score for each test is 36. The lowest possible scale score for any test on which you marked any responses is 1.

Next, compute the Composite score by averaging the four scale scores. To do this, add your four scale scores and divide the sum by 4. If the resulting number ends in a fraction, round it to the nearest whole number. (Round down any fraction less than one-half; round up any fraction that is one-half or more.) Enter this number in the blank. This is your Composite score. The highest possible Composite score is 36. The lowest possible Composite score is 1.

ACT Test 67C	Your Scale Score
English	
Mathematics	
Reading	
Science	
Sum of scores	
Composite score (sum ÷ 4)	

NOTE: If you left a test completely blank and marked no items, do not list a scale score for that test. If any test was completely blank, do not calculate a Composite score.

		Raw S	Scores		
Scale Score	Test 1 English	Test 2 Mathematics	Test 3 Reading	Test 4 Science	Scale Score
36	75	59-60	40	40	36
35	73-74	57-58	39	39	35
34	71-72	55-56	38	38	34
33	70	54	—	37	33
32	69	53	37	—	32
31	68	52	36	36	31
30	67	50-51	35	35	30
29	66	49	34	34	29
28	64-65	47-48	33	33	28
27	62-63	45-46	32	31-32	27
26	60-61	43-44	31	30	26
25	58-59	41-42	30	28-29	25
24	56-57	38-40	29	26-27	24
23	53-55	36-37	27-28	24-25	23
22	51-52	34-35	26	23	22
21	48-50	33	25	21-22	21
20	45-47	31-32	23-24	19-20	20
19	42-44	29-30	22	17-18	19
18	40-41	27-28	20-21	16	18
17	38-39	24-26	19	14-15	17
16	35-37	19-23	18	13	16
15	33-34	15-18	16-17	12	15
14	30-32	12-14	14-15	11	14
13	29	10-11	13	10	13
12	27-28	8-9	11-12	9	12
11	25-26	6-7	9-10	8	11
10	23-24	5	8	7	10
9	20-22	4	7	6	9
8	17-19		6	5	8
7	14-16	3	5	4	7
6	11-13	—	4	3	6
5	9-10	2	3	—	5
4	6-8	—	—	2	4
3	5	1	2	1	3
2	3-4	—	1	—	2
1	0-2	0	0	0	1

Explanation of Procedures Used to Obtain	ACT Te
Scale Subscores from Raw Scores	Englis
For each of the seven subscore areas, the total number of correct	
responses yields a raw score. Use the table below to convert your raw	Cod Cod
scores to scale subscores. For each of the seven subscore areas,	Bhe
locate and circle either the raw score or the range of raw scores that	
includes it in the table below. Then, read across to either outside	Mathei
column of the table and circle the scale subscore that corresponds to	Ċ

is 18. The lowest possible scale subscore is 1. If you left a test completely blank and marked no responses, do not list any scale subscores for that test.

that raw score. As you determine your scale subscores, enter them in the blanks provided on the right. The highest possible scale subscore

 ACT Test G7C
 Your Scale Subscore

 English
 Vour Scale Subscore

 English
 Usage/Mechanics

 Usage/Mechanics
 Insage/Mechanics

 Rhetorical Skills
 Insage/Mechanics

 Rhetorical Skills
 Insage/Mechanics

 Rhetorical Skills
 Insage/Mechanics

 Pre-Algebra/Elementary Algebra
 Intermed. Algebra/Coord. Geometry

 Intermed. Algebra/Coord. Geometry
 Intermed. Algebra/Coord. Geometry

 Plane Geometry/Trigonometry
 Intermed. Algebra/Coord. Geometry

 Rading
 Social Studies/Sciences

 Arts/Literature
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		Scale Subscore	18	16	15	14	13	12	=	10	6	8	7	9	5	4	ო	7	-
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	Test 3 F	Social Studies/ Sciences	20	18	17	16	15	14	12-13	11	9-10	8	6-7	5	4	e	2		0
		Plane Geometry/ Trigonometry	18	16	14-15	13	11-12	10	6	7-8	9	5	4	e	I	2	I		0
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	Test 1	Usage/ Mechanics	39-40 37 <u>-</u> 38	35-36	34	32-33	31	29-30	27-28	24-26	22-23	20-21	18-19	16-17	14-15	12-13	9-11	6-8	0-5
		Scale Subscore	18	16	15	14	13	12	1	10	6	ø	7	9	2	4	e	7	-

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# **TABLE 2**

## **TABLES 3A and 3B**

#### **Norms Tables**

Use the norms tables below (3A and 3B) to determine your estimated percent at or below for each of your multiple-choice scale scores (3A), and for your Writing scores (3B), if applicable.

In the far left column of the multiple-choice norms table (3A), circle your scale score for the English Test (from page 56). Then read across to the percent at or below column for that test; circle or put a check mark beside the corresponding percent at or below. Use the same procedure for each test and subscore area. Use the far right column of scale scores in Table 3A, for your Science Test and Composite scores. Follow the same procedure on the Writing Test norms to get your estimated percent at or below for your Writing subscore and Combined English/Writing score.

As you mark your percents at or below, enter them in the blanks provided at the right. You may also find it helpful to compare your performance with the national mean (average) score for each of the tests, subscore areas, and the Composite as shown at the bottom of the norms tables.

Your Estimated Percent At or Below on Practice Test

Combined English/Writing Writing

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Score	ENGLISH	Usage/Mechanics	Rhetorical Skills	MATHEMATICS	Pre-Algebra/Elem. Alg.	Alg./Coord. Geometry	Plane Geometry/Trig.	READING	Soc. Studies/Sciences	Arts/Literature	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE	Score
36 35 34 33 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 20 19 18 17 16 15 4 13 12 11 10 09 08 07 06 05 04 03 02 01	99 999 97 96 92 90 88 85 82 85 82 78 63 35 74 43 90 64 34 30 255 12 09 90 64 02 01 01 01 01	99 97 92 883 72 556 44 36 56 44 308 04 01 01	99 98 98 92 86 79 71 60 49 40 28 20 13 09 05 05 02 01 01	99 99 98 97 95 93 95 93 95 93 95 93 95 93 95 93 95 95 93 95 95 93 95 95 93 95 95 93 95 95 93 95 95 95 95 95 91 95 95 95 95 95 95 95 95 95 95 95 95 95	99 92 88 275 66 882 75 66 84 40 33 22 10 04 01 01	99 98 95 91 83 72 63 36 23 63 36 23 13 07 04 01 01	99 99 98 95 90 82 73 82 73 82 51 38 25 51 38 25 03 00 9 05 03 001 01 01	99 99 97 95 93 90 87 82 79 75 66 61 55 82 79 75 66 61 55 82 30 25 20 15 11 07 04 01 01 01 01 01 01	99 97 87 88 76 88 49 40 29 20 11 06 20 01 01	99 97 92 86 79 73 66 58 49 40 22 31 17 10 04 02 01 01	99 99 99 98 97 96 95 93 90 87 70 63 56 47 38 32 25 20 16 12 09 06 04 02 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01	99 99 99 98 97 95 93 90 87 83 79 74 68 62 55 49 42 35 28 22 17 11 07 03 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01	36 35 34 33 32 29 28 25 25 22 21 30 29 28 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 20 99 88 07 09 08 07 00 00 05 04 00 02 01
Mean	20.4	10.2	10.5	21.0	10.9	10.6	10.5	21.2	10.8	10.7	20.8	21.0	
S.D.	6.5	4.0	3.5	5.3	3.6	2.9	3.1	6.2	3.6	3.9	5.2	5.3	

#### 3B

National Distributions of Cumulative Percents for ACT Writing Test Scores

ACT-Tested High School Graduates from 2011, 2012, and 2013

Score	English/Writing	Writing
36	99	
35	99	
34	99	
33	99	
32	99	
31	98	
30	95	
29	93	
28	90	
27	87	
26	84	
25	79	
24	75	
23	70	
22	61	
21	55	
20	47	
19	41	
18	35	
17	30	
16	25	
15	19	
14	15	
13	11	
12	9	99
11	6	99
10	4	99
9	3	95
8	2	88
7	1	52
6	1	38
5	1	12
4	1	7
3	1	3
2	1	2
1	1	
Mean	20.7	7.0
S.D.	5.8	1.6

Note: These norms are the source of the Writing Test norms printed on the ACT score reports of students who take the optional Writing Test during 2013–2014. Sample size: 2,778,952.

## How to Score the Writing Test

It is difficult to be objective about one's own work. However, it is to your advantage to read your own writing critically. Becoming your own editor helps you grow as a writer and as a reader. It may also be helpful for you to give your practice essay to another reader: a classmate, parent, or teacher. To rate your essay, you and your reader(s) should review the scoring guidelines and sample essays at **www.actstudent.org/writing**, and then assign your practice essay a score of 1 (low) through 6 (high).

#### Scoring Guidelines (below)

These are the guidelines that will be used to score your essay. To score your paper, read your response and try to determine which score point best describes your essay.

Because your Writing Test subscore (2–12 range) is the sum of two readers' ratings of your essay, you should multiply your score

by 2 when you use Table 4, on page 62, to find your Combined English/Writing score. If two readers score your practice essay, add those scores together.

#### **Comparing Your Scores**

The Writing Test norms table (Table 3B on page 60) allows you to compare your score on the practice Writing Test with the scores of recent high school graduates who took the ACT Plus Writing. For example, a Writing subscore of 8 has a cumulative percent of 87. This means that 87% of students had a Writing subscore of 8 or lower. Your scores and percents at or below are only *estimates* of the scores you will receive on an actual administration of the ACT Plus Writing. They should be considered in connection with your performance on other essay tests and your planned college curriculum.

## **Scoring Guidelines for the ACT Writing Test**

Papers at each level exhibit all or most of the characteristics described at each score point.

# Score = 6—Essays within this score range demonstrate effective skill in responding to the task.

The essay shows a clear understanding of the task. The essay takes a position on the issue and may offer a critical context for discussion. The essay addresses complexity by examining different perspectives on the issue, or by evaluating the implications and/or complications of the issue, or by fully responding to counterarguments to the writer's position. Development of ideas is ample, specific, and logical. Most ideas are fully elaborated. A clear focus on the essay is clear: the organization may be somewhat predictable or it may grow from the writer's logic and are usually integrated into the essay. The introduction and conclusion are effective, clear, and well developed. The essay shows a good command of language. Sentences are varied and word choice is varied and precise. There are few, if any, errors to distract the reader.

# Score = 5—Essays within this score range demonstrate competent skill in responding to the task.

The essay shows a clear understanding of the task. The essay takes a position on the issue and may offer a broad context for discussion. The essay shows recognition of complexity by partially evaluating the implications and/or complications of the issue, or by responding to counterarguments to the writer's position. Development of ideas is specific and logical. Most ideas are elaborated, with clear movement between general statements and specific reasons, examples, and details. Focus on the specific issue in the prompt is maintained. The organization of the essay is clear, although it may be predictable. Ideas are logically sequenced, although simple and obvious transitions may be used. The introduction and conclusion are clear and generally well developed. Language is competent. Sentences are somewhat varied and word choice is sometimes varied and precise. There may be a few errors, but they are rarely distracting.

# Score = 4—Essays within this score range demonstrate adequate skill in responding to the task.

The essay shows an understanding of the task. The essay takes a position on the issue and may offer some context for discussion. The essay may show some recognition of complexity by providing some response to counterarguments to the writer's position. Development of ideas is adequate, with some movement between general statements and specific reasons, examples, and details. Focus on the specific issue in the prompt is maintained throughout most of the essay. The organization of the essay is apparent but predictable. Some evidence of logical sequencing of ideas is apparent, although most transitions are simple and obvious. The introduction and conclusion are clear and somewhat developed. Language is adequate, with some sentence variety and appropriate word choice. There may be some distracting errors, but they do not impede understanding.

# Score = 3—Essays within this score range demonstrate some developing skill in responding to the task.

The essay shows some understanding of the task. The essay takes a position on the issue but does not offer a context for discussion. The essay may acknowledge a counterargument to the writer's position, but its development is brief or unclear. Development of ideas is limited and may be repetitious, with little, if any, movement between general statements and specific reasons, examples, and details. Focus on the general topic is maintained, but focus on the specific issue in the prompt may not be maintained. The organization of the essay is simple. Ideas are logically grouped within parts of the essay, but there is little or no evidence of logical sequencing of ideas. Transitions, if used, are simple and obvious. An introduction and conclusion are clearly discernible but underdeveloped. Language shows a basic control. Sentences show a little variety and word choice is appropriate. Errors may be distracting and may occasionally impede understanding.

# Score = 2—Essays within this score range demonstrate inconsistent or weak skill in responding to the task.

The essay shows a weak understanding of the task. The essay may not take a position on the issue, or the essay may take a position but fail to convey reasons to support that position, or the essay may take a position but fail to maintain a stance. There is little or no recognition of a counterargument to the writer's position. The essay is thinly developed. If examples are given, they are general and may not be clearly relevant. The essay may include extensive repetition of the writer's ideas or of ideas in the prompt. Focus on the general topic is maintained, but focus on the specific issue in the prompt may not be maintained. There is some indication of an organizational structure, and some logical grouping of ideas within parts of the essay is apparent. Transitions, if used, are simple and obvious, and they may be inappropriate or misleading. An introduction and conclusion are discernible but minimal. Sentence structure and word choice are usually simple. Errors may be frequently distracting and may sometimes impede understanding.

# Score = 1—Essays within this score range show little or no skill in responding to the task.

The essay shows little or no understanding of the task. If the essay takes a position, it fails to convey reasons to support that position. The essay is minimally developed. The essay may include excessive repetition of the writer's ideas or of ideas in the prompt. Focus on the general topic is usually maintained, but focus on the specific issue in the prompt may not be maintained. There is little or no evidence of an organizational structure or of the logical grouping of ideas. Transitions are rarely used. If present, an introduction and conclusion are minimal. Sentence structure and word choice are simple. Errors may be frequently distracting and may significantly impede understanding.

No Score—Blank, Off-Topic, Illegible, Not in English, or Void

## TABLE 4

#### Calculating Your Combined English/Writing Score

Complete these steps to calculate your Combined English/ Writing score for your practice tests.

- 1. Locate your scale score for the English Test on page 58 and enter it here: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Enter your Writing Test score (1–6) here \_\_\_\_\_ and double it to get your Writing subscore (2–12): \_\_\_\_\_ (If two people read and scored your Writing Test, add those two scores to get your Writing subscore.)
- 3. Use the table below to find your Combined English/Writing score.
  - First, circle your ACT English Test score in the left column.
  - Second, circle your ACT Writing subscore at the top of the table.

- Finally, follow the English Test score row across and the Writing subscore column down until the two meet. Circle the Combined English/Writing score where the row and column meet. (For example, for an English Test score of 19 and a Writing subscore of 6, the Combined English/Writing score is 18.)
- 4. Using the number you circled in the table below, write your Combined English/Writing score here: \_\_\_\_\_.
  (The highest possible Combined English/Writing score is 36 and the lowest possible score is 1.)

ACT English Test score

Writing subscore

(from table below)

Combined English/Writing Scale Scores											
English Test	Writing Subscore										
Score	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2	2	3	4	5	6	6	/	8	9	10	11
3	2	3	4	5	6	/	8	9	10	11	12
4	3	4	5	6	/	8	10	10	11	12	13
5	4	5	6 7	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	13
0	5	6	7	0	0	10	10	10	12	10	14
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q	7	8	q	10	11	12	13	13	14	15	16
10	8	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
11	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
12	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
13	10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17	18	19
14	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
15	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	20	21
17	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
18	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
19	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
20	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	21	22	23	24
21	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24	18	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27
25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
26	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
27	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	28	29
20 20	21	22	∠3 22	24	24 25	20	20 27	27	20 20	29	30
29	21	22	23	24 25	20	20	27	20	29	30	32
31	23	24	25	26	20	28	29	30	30	31	32
32	24	25	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
33	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
34	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
35	26	27	28	29	30	31	31	32	33	34	35
36	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

Combined English/Writing Score