

OSSLT TIPS

General Tips:



- Get a good night's sleep before the test
- Arrive early
- Bring extra pens and pencils
- Write neatly
- Read the questions carefully
- Make rough notes
- Attempt every question
- Don't leave any blanks
- Highlight or underline keywords and phrases
- Support your answers with examples
- Fully explain your responses
- Use complete sentences
- Use formal language
- Don't use swear words
- Don't doodle or draw
- Don't use block letters
- Fill in the spaces provided
- Don't go beyond the lines provided
- Budget your time
- Double check your answers
- Proof read - check for spelling and grammar

Tips for Multiple Choice Answers:

- Try to come up with a response before you read the choices
- Make sure you know what the question is asking
- Eliminate the ones you are sure are wrong
- Choose the most relevant answer
- Don't leave any blanks
- Check your work

Tips for Reading:

- If you're having trouble reading something, stop and re-read it
- Look at the question first, so you know what to look for when you're reading
- Budget your time
- Skim the section, then read it carefully
- Underline or highlight important information
- Write notes in the margins
- Make connections between what you are reading and your own experiences

Tips for Short Writing Tasks:

- Fill the space provided
- Use formal language
- Use complete sentences
- Check your work for spelling and grammar
- Use specific details from the reading and personal experiences to support your answers
- Don't leave any blanks

Tips for Writing the News Report:

- Make sure your report matches the headline and picture
- Be sure to answer the 5W's
- Make the opening paragraph interesting
- Include quotations
- Put the most important details first
- Use formal language
- Use complete sentences
- Write in 3rd person

Tips for Writing the Opinion Piece:

- Write at least 3 paragraphs (introduction, body, conclusion)
- Choose a position and stick to it
- State opinion (thesis) clearly in the introduction
- Include valid and specific reasons - give each reason a separate paragraph
- Use complete sentences
- Use formal language
- Check your spelling and grammar
- Fill in the space provided
- Clearly identify new paragraphs (indent or leave a blank space between them)