



# Guidelines for MSA Online English Language Admission Test (ELAT)

Dear Applicant/

Thank you for your choice of October University for Modern Sciences and Arts (MSA), and your submission of the application, in which you expressed your interest in joining one of the faculties of the university in the academic year 2020/2021.

As your safety and health are our top priority, kindly be advised that MSA University is launching the English Language Admission Test (ELAT) **Online**.

The English Language Admission Test is the first step in your admission process, without which the admissions office cannot proceed with your application.

If you wish to attempt the online admission test of MSA University, please click on the following link to check the appointment calendar and reserve the convenient session.

<http://newcomers.msa.edu.eg/onlinereservation>

\* General Regulations \*

- 1- You may reserve your online session on any day of the week, from Saturday through Thursday from 9:00 till 2:00 pm.
- 2- Please be Punctual. You should be available online on time.
- 3-Switch on your webcam and microphone before starting the session.
- 4-Please do not forget to have access to a copy of your National ID or Passport.

## **General instructions for sustaining your online session**

In order to secure your connection, check that you have access to the following items before you start your online session:

- 1- Laptops
- 2- Electricity power outlet to plug in your laptops



- 3- Fully charged laptop batteries for emergencies like electricity cutoffs
- 4- Wi-Fi internet connection
- 5- A wireless hotspot on a high-speed network
- 6- Charged USB modem to stay connected in case of the consumption of accessible internet bundle or other emergencies like unstable Wi-Fi internet connections
- 7- Webcams and microphones for the assessment of your oral performance (check sound quality)

## Guidelines for Online Admission Test

### Preparation before the Test:

Applicants are allowed **only two** attempts of the English Language Admission Test of MSA University. So, work carefully on your first attempt, and get prepared as follows:

1. Check TOEFL samples/PET exams online. **This test is not a TOEFL** exam but the skills are interchangeable and the sections of the exam are very similar.
2. You can use any of the TOEFL preparation material available (CDs & books).
3. MSA English Language Admission test is divided into **three** parts:

**Part I-** A Speaking Test in which you are going to be interviewed online by one of MSA University staff members.

**Part II-** General English Language Skills including grammar, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.

**Part III-** Essay Writing.

**Note:** This English test is even for all applicants who have an ILETS certificate

### During the Test:

- 1- The exam questions will appear in a specific sequence, one after the other.
- 2- Questions are to be answered in the same order as they appear.
- 3- A response to each question must be submitted before the allowed time is



up.



- 4- Students are not allowed to go back to change their answers after submission.
- 5- Do not spend more than one minute on each question in the grammar and vocabulary sections.
- 6- Remember that getting a good mark is not hard. It just needs concentration and basic test taking skills.

### **Important Tips and Examples:**

\*\* Kindly note that all the different parts of the English Exam take place on the same day.

### **PART I: Speaking (10 minutes)**

As soon as you log in, you will be allowed into a virtual waiting room. In few minutes, you will be invited to start an online interview with one of MSA University staff members for 10 minutes. You are required to clearly answer questions orally around general topics and activities.

**Please check your microphone and webcam to complete this part successfully.**

\*\* Once you are done with the speaking test, a staff member of MSA University, Faculty of Languages will guide you through the remaining sections of your examination process, the General, the Writing and the Psychometric tests.

### **PART II: General English Language Skills:**

#### **Grammar, Vocabulary & Reading (60 questions)**

##### *Grammar*

I- Choose the correct answer for completing the sentence:

1- Mary went to the bank \_\_\_\_\_some money.

- A to getting
- B for getting
- C to get
- D for get

##### *Vocabulary*

I- Read the texts below and choose the word that best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap:

**Here is part of an email from Judy to an old school friend, Elizabeth.**



Dear Elizabeth, How are you? And (1)\_\_\_\_\_are Bill and the children? I'm fine and working hard, as usual. You'll (2)\_\_\_\_\_guess who I saw yesterday - Henry Porson! You must remember him. We were all in the (3)\_\_\_\_\_class at school.

- (1) A. What  
     B. How  
    C. Which



D. Where

- (2) A. ever  
B. think  
C. may  
 D. never

- (3)(3)  A. same  
B. my  
C. may  
D. near

### *Reading*

#### **Reading: Passage 1:**

I- Read the following passage and choose the right answers:

#### **The Brain**

**When I was a kid growing up in a middle class family, in the middle of the 1970s- parents dished out a familiar plate of advice to their children: Get good grades, go to college, and pursue a profession that offers a decent standard of living and perhaps a dollop of prestige. If you were good at math and science, become a doctor. If you were better at languages and history, become a lawyer. Later, as computers appeared on desktops, the youngsters who were really good at math and science chose high tech, while others flocked to business school, thinking that success was spelled MBA.**

1. **Parents' advice is that, if you were good at maths and science.....**
- A. You should become a teacher  
B. You should become a  
 C lawyer You should  
become a doctor  
D. You should become a driver

#### **Part III- Essay Writing: (25 minutes)**

- You are allowed to type your essay directly on the system and submit it.
- In the writing section, you will be assessed based on the quality of your language (grammar, vocabulary and punctuation).
- The essay structure (dividing the essay into paragraphs: introduction, body, and conclusion) and coherent ideas are essential.
- Do not memorize an essay as the essay topics are changed regularly.



- Any off-topic essay is automatically rejected.
- Copied material from the internet is not allowed and may lead to the rejection of your essay.

MSA University Sincerely Wishes You a Successful Attempt