MTEL®-Flex English—Written Analysis of an Argument (Objective 0015)

Objective 0015: Prepare an organized, developed written analysis of an argument.

Objective 0015 includes the following descriptive statements:

1. Summarize in your own words the argument presented in a text.
2. Analyze how the argument is developed through the use of claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
3. Evaluate the validity of the author's reasoning.
4. Evaluate the relevance and sufficiency of evidence provided to support the argument.
5. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

MTEL®-Flex enables you to demonstrate your functional content knowledge of the MTEL English test objectives through submitting materials on a text that you select. Your submission will be evaluated on the extent to which you demonstrate the **depth of your subject matter knowledge** of the MTEL-Flex English test objective you selected during registration.

MTEL-Flex involves answering 3 prompts and writing an analysis in which you demonstrate your knowledge of the content assessed by the test objective and further elaborated by the required descriptive statements.

To select a text, first review the sample argumentative essay for Open Response Item #2 on page 61 of the [MTEL English Practice Test](https://www.mtel.nesinc.com/content/Docs/MA_FLD061_PRACTICE_TEST.pdf). Then select an editorial/opinion piece to analyze **from the Opinion section** of a local or national newspaper. **Your analysis must address the five descriptive statements listed above** in relation to your chosen editorial.

Your responses to the first 3 prompts should be **no more than 1 single-spaced page** and your written analysis should be **no more than 3 single-spaced pages.** This instructions page does not count toward your page limits.

This template contains a [Prompt Section](#Prompts) and a [Written Analysis Section](#WrittenAnalysis). Once both sections are completed, upload the template to the Pearson ePortfolio System.

For more information about the MTEL-Flex Assessment, preparing your materials for submission, and scoring of your submission, refer to the MTEL-Flex Assessment Handbook.

Prompt Section

Respond to the prompts below (**no more than 1 page, including prompts**) by typing your responses in Arial 11-point, single-spaced font, within the brackets following each prompt. Do not delete or alter the prompts. Only the first page will be evaluated. The previous page of instructions and the written analysis that follows do not count toward your page limit. Your submission cannot contain hyperlinks to any materials.

1. Indicate the title, author, publication name, and publication date of the editorial you selected.

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2. Describe the topic addressed by the editorial.

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3. List the full web address for the article you selected. The web address **must not** be a hyperlink.

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Written Analysis Section

Type your analysis (**no more than 3 pages, including the prompt**) in Arial 11-point, single-spaced font, within the brackets following the prompt. If appropriate, you may include tables, charts, graphs, or other diagrams that you have prepared by inserting them into your analysis. However, the total length of your analysis, including any graphic elements, may not exceed 3 pages. The previous pages of instructions and prompts do not count toward your page limit. Your submission cannot contain hyperlinks to any materials.

Prepare an organized, developed analysis on a text related to Objective 0015. In your analysis be sure to

* summarize in your own words the argument presented in the text;
* analyze how the argument is developed through the use of claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence;
* evaluate the validity of the author’s reasoning;
* evaluate the relevance and sufficiency of evidence provided to support the argument; and
* produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

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