

# Sample Writing Test Questions

## Sample OGT Writing Short-Answer Question

*Aligned to Writing Process Standard*

Below is a sample short-answer test question from the March 2007 Ohio Graduation Test in writing. This test question is worth up to two points.

Arrange the sentences in bold print into a clear, logical paragraph. Then correctly use the transition word(s) or phrase(s) from the boxed list that link the sentences as you write the paragraph.

**You are ready to begin writing your rough draft.**

**Several steps are important to complete before you can write a good essay.**

**After researching your topic, map out your paper by using an outline or another form of planning.**

**Choose a topic that interests you.**

### List of Transition Words and Phrases

Finally	Meanwhile
Then	Most importantly
First	For example

A possible full credit response to this question may be:

Several steps are important to complete before you can write a good essay. Most importantly, choose a topic that interests you. After researching your topic, map out your paper by using an outline or another form of planning. Finally, you are ready to begin writing your rough draft.

Scoring Rubric:

- 2 Response arranges the sentences in a logical order and correctly uses at least one transition word or phrase from the boxed list to connect the sentences.
- 1 Response arranges the sentences in a logical order OR correctly uses at least one transition word or phrase from the boxed list to connect the sentences.
- 0 Response indicates little or no understanding of the task.

*(Note: Short-answer questions are worth two points. The OGT in writing has one two-point question.)*

## Sample OGT Writing Prompt

*Aligned to Writing Applications Standard*

Below is a sample OGT writing prompt. This test question is worth up to 18 points.

In his famous “I Have A Dream” speech, Martin Luther King, Jr. described his vision of equality in America: that his four children “will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” Suppose you were asked to share with a group of students your vision for a better society.

Explain to these students what vision for society you would like to see occur. Be specific and support your explanation with detail and examples.