

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE LPI:

Q: *What is the purpose of the LPI?*

A: The purpose of the LPI is to provide information about an individual's competency in English. It is a requirement for enrolling in first year English at UBC and for placement into the appropriate English course at SFU, Uvic, Langara and Capilano University. All undergraduate students at UBC must take a first year English course in order to graduate.

Q: *What does the LPI test?*

A: It tests functional literacy. The test consists of 4 parts comprising 80 points - identifying errors in sentence structure (10 points), identifying errors in English usage (10 points), evaluating and/or summarizing short prose passages (20 points), and writing a 300 - 400 word argumentative essay on one of three topics (40 points). The essay is marked holistically: expression, organization and content are weighted equally.

Q: *Where can I write the LPI?*

A: Lord Byng will be offering two sittings of the LPI during the 2009/10 school year: December 3<sup>rd</sup> (deadline for registration is midnight on Nov. 22nd) and April 8<sup>th</sup> (deadline is March 28th). No walk-ins are allowed. If you miss registering for one of these sittings, UBC and Langara offer public sittings once a month. There are different ID requirements if you register for a public sitting. For more info, visit the LPI website at [www.lpi.ubc.ca](http://www.lpi.ubc.ca).

Q: *How do I register to write the LPI at Byng?*

A: Go to [www.lpi.ubs.ca](http://www.lpi.ubs.ca) and select On-line Services, then High School Sittings. Payment is by credit card only. Cost is \$57 for the December sitting. Not sure if it will change in 2010. Remember to print you TEST ADMISSION TICKET and bring it with you to the test.

Q: *When should I write the LPI?*

A: It is recommended that Grade 12 students write the LPI during the 2009/10 school year in order to ensure that the English language requirement is met for the university or college to which the student has applied and prior to registering for university courses in June 2010, or for college courses in the summer of 2010.