

Practice Writing Sample

Essay Question

Time – 20 minutes

You have twenty minutes to plan and write an essay on the topic assigned. **DO NOT WRITE ON ANOTHER TOPIC. AN ESSAY ON ANOTHER TOPIC IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

This essay is assigned to give you an opportunity to show how well you can plan and write an essay. You should, therefore, take care to express your thoughts in a clear and effective manner.

Please read the essay topic carefully before you begin writing.

Maryland requires a certain number of volunteer hours for high school graduation. Should this practice be continued as is, modified, or abolished? Defend your answer.