

**MINISTERIAL EXAMINATION OF COLLEGE ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION AND LITERATURE**

**15 MAY 2019**

<b>WRITING GUIDELINES</b>
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Read over the questions below and write a well-written, well-organized **750-word analytical essay** based on a **main idea** in **one** of the three readings. Remember to interpret, rather than summarize, the reading as a whole.

**READING 1: A short story**  
**“Braces” by Nick Werber**

Write an essay that develops a thesis statement about a main idea in Werber’s short story. In your analysis of his text, be sure to explain how Werber uses literary techniques and devices to construct that idea.\* Make specific references to the reading to support your interpretation.

**READING 2: An essay**  
**“The Road to Kihande Village” by Melanie D. Janzen**

Write an essay that develops a thesis statement about a main idea in Janzen’s essay. In your analysis of her text, be sure to explain how Janzen uses rhetorical techniques and devices to construct that idea.\* Make specific references to the reading to support your interpretation.

**READING 3: A short story**  
**“Just Past the Alfalfa Fields” by Teresa Horosko**

Write an essay that develops a thesis statement about a main idea in Horosko’s short story. In your analysis of her text, be sure to explain how Horosko uses literary techniques and devices to construct that idea.\* Make specific references to the reading to support your interpretation.

**Note that essays of fewer than 600 words will automatically receive a failing grade.**

\* **Techniques and devices, depending on the genre, may include the following:** alliteration, allusion, analogy, appeal to authority, cause and effect, characterization, comparison, contrast, definition, description, dialogue, diction, empirical evidence, enumeration, example, flashback, foreshadowing, imagery, irony, level of language, metaphor, narration, narrative point of view, refutation of opposing views, repetition, rhetorical questions, setting, simile, symbolism and tone. You may discuss other techniques and devices as well.