

Profiles of Ability Across Stage III Writing

CLB 9	CLB 10	CLB 11	CLB 12
Initial Advanced Ability	Developing Advanced Ability	Adequate Advanced Ability	Fluent Advanced Ability
The writer can:	The writer can:	The writer can:	The writer can:
Write formal and informal texts of some complexity for an adequate range of purposes and tasks in routine but demanding situations.	Write complex formal and informal texts for a broadening range of purposes and tasks in mostly routine but demanding situations.	Write complex formal and informal texts for a wide range of purposes and tasks in demanding non-routine situations.	Write complex formal and informal texts for a full range of purposes, intentions and objectives related to demanding non-routine, technical or specialized situations and tasks.
When the communication is:	When the communication is:	When the communication is:	When the communication is:
 On abstract and unfamiliar topics that may require research 	 On abstract and unfamiliar topics that may require research 	 On abstract, unfamiliar or specialized topics that may require research 	 On unfamiliar, highly abstract or specialized topics that may require
 Intended for a defined audience 	 Intended for a defined audience 	 Intended for a defined or undefined audience 	research • Intended for a diverse,
• Lengthy, as dictated by the requirements of the task, up	Lengthy, as dictated by the requirements of the task, up	Of any length demanded by the purpose, task and genre	defined or undefined audience
to a range of about 1,500 words	to a range of about 3,000 words	In demanding contexts	 Of any length demanded by the purpose, task and genre
• In demanding contexts	In demanding contexts		In demanding contexts
Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:	Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:	Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:	Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:
 Adequate organization of ideas and development of topic Main ideas are clearly conveyed and adequately supported with details Good control of a range of complex and diverse structures Some errors in grammar, word combinations and word choices still occur Flexibility of tone and style may be limited Proofreads and revises own work with occasional input from others Able to communicate some complex messages, adjusting length to suit the requirements of the task A good range of concrete, abstract and idiomatic language suited to context and purpose, which may include some genre-specific expressions or jargon and cultural references 	 Clear organization of ideas and development of topic Main ideas are clearly conveyed and well supported with details Good control of a range of complex and diverse structures Occasional errors in grammar, word combinations and word choices still occur Flexibility of tone and style may be limited Proofreads and revises own and others' texts with occasional input from others Able to communicate an expanding range of complex messages, adjusting length to suit the requirements of the task A very good range of concrete, abstract and idiomatic language suited to context and purpose, which may include genre-specific expressions or jargon and cultural references 	 Coherent synthesis of extensive complex information from multiple sources Main ideas are clearly conveyed and very well supported with details Very good control of a broad range of complex and diverse structures A few minor errors in grammar, word combinations and word choices still occur Flexibility of tone and style are evident Effectively proofreads and revises own and others' texts Able to communicate most complex messages, adjusting length to suit the requirements of the task A very good range of concrete, abstract and idiomatic language used appropriately, accurately and flexibly, including genre-specific expressions or jargon and cultural references 	 Coherent synthesis and evaluation of extensive complex information from multiple sources Writing is clear, effective, and stylistically polished enough for publication or public distribution Excellent control of variations and subtleties of grammar and structure, tone and style Rare and minor errors in grammar, word combinations and word choices may occur Flexibility of tone and style are evident Effectively proofreads, revises and edits all aspects of texts Able to communicate complex messages, adjusting length to suit the requirements of the task An excellent range of concrete, abstract and idiomatic language used appropriately, accurately and flexibly, including genre-specific expressions or jargon and cultural