

Where do we go from here? Work After the Diagnostic

Now that you have your results, you can identify the areas of weakness in your diagnostic and

- a) Mark those areas on the grammar software sheets available at the Reading and Writing Center, then set aside the time to work on them during the semester
- b) Also, spend some time working on these areas at any one or more of the online grammar sites in your packets
- c) Work on these areas using any current or old grammar book
- d) Do all of the above plus meet with a tutor at the Writing and Reading Center, who will review those grammar areas with you and provide mini-lessons on them. Whatever you choose to do, you should make it a point to do more than one self-test a few weeks down.

You may consider focusing on the following chapters in the book, Effective Writing, by May and May (available through Prof. Nelson):

- timed writing (*Chapter 12*)
- brainstorming (*Chapter 2*)
- organizing ideas (*Chapter 3*)
- revision skills (*Chapters 4, 5, 7*)

I also recommend very highly the following website, which offers an extensive video tutorial on how to prepare for the CPA essay exam. The areas covered are listed below:

Writing Styles Video Lessons

All exam candidates need to be prepared to answer the simulation essay questions which make up 10% of your score for the AUD, FAR and REG exams. Our video essay writing tutorial provides method and direction on how to answer essay questions in the way that the graders are looking for as well as a review of key concepts in grammar, punctuation and spelling.

- [Introduction to Essays](#)
- [How to Answer the Question](#)
- [How to Structure Your Thoughts](#)
- [How to Write Your Essay](#)
- [How to Edit Your Essay: Part 1](#)
- [How to Edit Your Essay: Part 2](#)
- [Final Review](#)

http://www.kaplancpareview.com/news/writing_styles.php?PHPSESSID=54874190a3205de705a68aa887. You may also Google the site, using "Kaplan CPA Exam Review."