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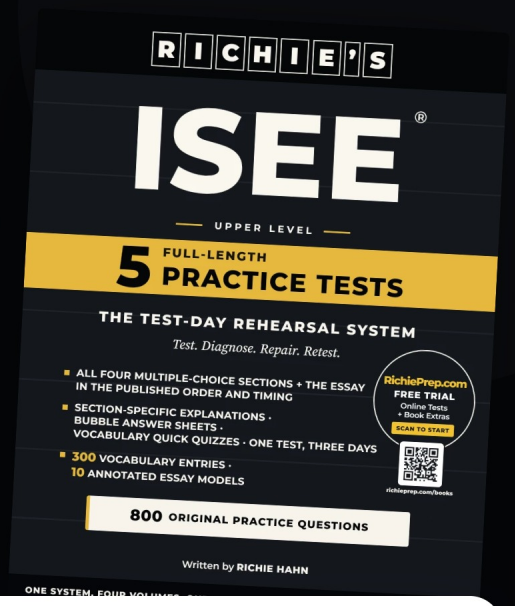
Practice Tests

THE TEST-DAY REHEARSAL SYSTEM

Five full-length rehearsals. One repeatable test-day routine.

A full-length test builds what section practice cannot: pacing, stamina, answer transfer, and recovery between sections. Five tests follow the published order and timing of the Upper Level ISEE — Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, Reading Comprehension,



5 FULL-LENGTH PRACTICE TESTS

800 ORIGINAL QUESTIONS

300 VOCABULARY ENTRIES

10 ESSAY MODELS

Three corners that make this book different

REAL PAGES

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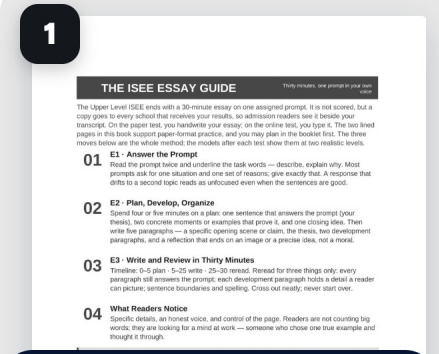
THE ISEE ESSAY GUIDE

The Upper Level ISEE ends with a 30-minute essay on one assigned prompt. It is not scored, but a copy goes to every school that receives your results, so admission readers see it beside your transcript. On the paper test, you handwrite your essay; on the online test, you type it. The two lined pages in this book support paper-format practice, and you may plan in the booklet first. The three moves below are the whole method; the models after each test show them at two realistic levels.

01 **E1 · Answer the Prompt**
Read the prompt twice and underline the task words — describe, explain why. Most prompts ask for one situation and one set of reasons; give exactly that. A response that drifts to a second topic reads as unfocused even when the sentences are good.

02 **E2 · Plan, Develop, Organize**
Spend four or five minutes on a plan: one sentence that answers the prompt (your thesis), two concrete moments or examples that prove it, and one closing idea. Then write five paragraphs — a specific opening scene or claim, the thesis, two development paragraphs, and a reflection that ends on an image or a precise idea, not a moral.

03 **E3 · Write and Review in Thirty Minutes**
Timeline: 0–5 plan · 5–25 write · 25–30 reread. Reread for three things only: every paragraph still answers the prompt; each development paragraph holds a detail a reader can picture; sentence boundaries and spelling. Cross out neatly; never start over.

04 **What Readers Notice**
Specific details, an honest voice, and control of the page. Readers are not counting big words; they are looking for a mind at work — someone who chose one true example and thought it through.

p. 14–15 · E1 · E2 · E3 + rubric + 10 prompts

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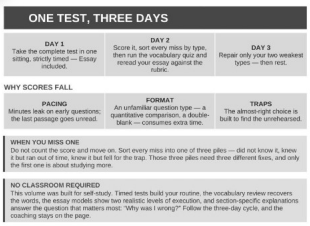
ONE TEST, THREE DAYS

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
Take the complete test in one sitting, strictly timed — Essay included.	Score it, sort every miss by type, then run the vocabulary quiz and reread your essay against the rubric.	Repair only your two weakest types — then rest.

WHY SCORES FALL

PACING	FORMAT	TRAPS
Minutes leak on early questions; the last passage goes unread.	An unfamiliar question type — a quantitative comparison, a double-blank — consumes extra time.	The almost-right choice is built to find the unrehearsed.

WHEN YOU MISS ONE
Do not count the score and move on. Sort every miss into one of three piles — did not know it, knew it but ran out of time, knew it but fell for the trap. Those three piles need three different fixes, and only the first one is about studying more.

NO CLASSROOM REQUIRED
This volume was built for self-study. Timed tests build your routine, the vocabulary review recovers the words, the essay models show two realistic levels of execution, and section-specific explanations answer the question that matters most: "Why was I wrong?" Follow the three-day cycle, and the coaching stays on the page.

p. 8 · the routine behind every

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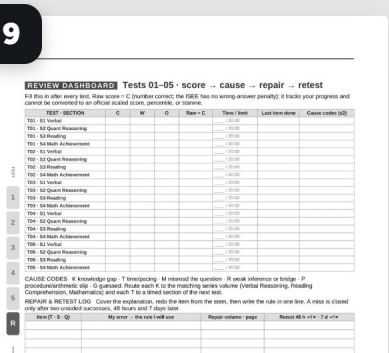
REVIEW DASHBOARD Tests 01–05 · score → cause → repair → retest

Fill this in after every test. Raw score = C (number correct; the ISEE has no wrong-answer penalty); it tracks your progress and cannot be converted to an official scaled score, percentile, or stanine.

TEST · SECTION	C	W	O	Raw = C	Time / limit	Last item done	Cause codes (≤2)
T01 · S1 Verbal					/30:00		
T01 · S2 Quant Reasoning					/35:00		
T01 · S3 Reading					/35:00		
T01 · S4 Math Achievement					/40:00		
T02 · S1 Verbal					/30:00		
T02 · S2 Quant Reasoning					/35:00		
T02 · S3 Reading					/35:00		
T02 · S4 Math Achievement					/40:00		
T03 · S1 Verbal					/30:00		
T03 · S2 Quant Reasoning					/35:00		
T03 · S3 Reading					/35:00		
T03 · S4 Math Achievement					/40:00		
T04 · S1 Verbal					/30:00		
T04 · S2 Quant Reasoning					/35:00		
T04 · S3 Reading					/35:00		
T04 · S4 Math Achievement					/40:00		
T05 · S1 Verbal					/30:00		
T05 · S2 Quant Reasoning					/35:00		
T05 · S3 Reading					/35:00		
T05 · S4 Math Achievement					/40:00		

CAUSE CODES K knowledge gap · T time/pacing · M misread the question · R weak inference or bridge · P procedure/arithmetic slip · G guessed. Route each K to the matching series volume (Verbal Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics) and each T to a timed section of the next test.

REPAIR & RETEST LOG Cover the explanation, redo the item from the stem, then write the rule in one line. A miss is closed only after two unaided successes, 48 hours and 7 days later.

Item (T · S · Q)	My error → the rule I will use	Repair volume · page	Retest 48 h +/− · 7 d +/−

Near the back · Tests 01–

The ISEE Essay Guide

Three moves — answer the prompt, plan · develop · organize, write and review in thirty minutes — a six-question self-check rubric, and ten practice prompts for one

→ **The Essay is unscored but goes to every school that receives your results; readers look for a mind at work, not big words.**

One Test, Three Days

Day 1: the whole test in one sitting, Essay included. Day 2: score it, sort every miss, run the vocabulary quiz, reread your essay against the rubric. Day 3: repair only your

→ **Why scores fall — pacing, format, traps — needs three different fixes.**

Review Dashboard

Scores by section, time used, cause codes (K·T·M·R·P·G), and the 48-hour and 7-day retests — score → cause → repair → retest.

→ **Five tests become one visible trend, and the minutes that leak are named.**

THE LEARNING FLOW

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Test 01 · Baseline	Score & Diagnose	Repair	Tests 02–04	Test 05 · Rehearsal

Every corner, and why it is there

1 The ISEE Essay Guide
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3 Four sections in published order + the Essay
Quantitative comparisons, double blanks, six-passage Reading — n...

4 Practice answer sheets
Because the ISEE has no guessing penalty, the sheet also trains the ...

5 High-Yield Vocabulary + Quick Quiz
The words you just met are recovered the same wee...

6 Uniform answer-key grids
Raw scores track progress; they never pretend to be scaled scores, ...

7 Ten annotated essay models
Two realistic levels of execution — what to aim for, and what the cl...

8 Section-specific explanations
Explanations that answer the question that matters most: "Why was...

9 Review Dashboard
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5-Week Training Cycle

Week 1	Test 01 (baseline) + full review
Week 2	Test 02 + targeted repair with the series volumes
Week 3	Test 03 + targeted repair
Week 4	Test 04 + targeted repair

15-Day Intensive Cycle

Days 15–13	Test 01 → score + vocabulary review → targeted repair
Days 12–10	Test 02 → score + vocabulary review → targeted repair
Days 9–7	Test 03 → score + vocabulary review → targeted repair
Days 6–4	Test 04 → score + vocabulary review → targeted repair

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Start free · Free ISEE Half-Length Test — 81 questions + essay, four timed sections, essay last. Marked the moment you submit; every question explained. No account, no card.

START HERE **Set your baseline with Test 01, repair with the three skill volumes, then come back for Tests 02–05.**

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