CPE Student Self-Study

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions; your insights will help you to identify strengths and weaknesses in your critical thinking, reading and writing skills, as well as identify what you need to do to improve in these areas and prepare for the CPE.

Name: __________________________

Major: __________________________

1. When did you last take a writing course, or a course that required you to do frequent and extensive reading and writing assignments?

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2. What was the name of the course? _____________________________

3. What kinds of assignments did you do in the course that prepared you for the CPE? Be as specific as possible.

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4. How much writing, reading and critical thinking have you done in the last three courses you took for your major?

   a) a lot (five or more papers/research assignments per course)

   b) some (two or three papers/research assignments per course)

   c) little (one paper/research assignment per course)

   d) none

5. When was the last time you took a course that required you to interpret visual material such as graphs and charts? ___________________________
6. What was the name of that course? _____________________________

7. What kinds of assignments in that course prepared you to analyze charts and graphs and compare them to a short reading (Task 2)?

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8. Do you think that in your major area of study you have received sufficient, insufficient, or no instruction in reading, writing and critical thinking at college level? ______________________________

9. If this is your first attempt at the CPE, what aspects of the exam experience concern you most? (ex. time management, test anxiety, organization, proofreading and editing, interpreting visual data from graphs and charts, etc.) Be clear and specific about which areas need attention, so you can focus on strengthening them before the exam.

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8. If you have already failed the CPE one or more times, what do you see as the primary reason(s) for your difficulty passing the CPE? Be as detailed as possible.

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9. Which task on the CPE is more difficult for you: Task 1 or task 2? __________

10. Explain why you feel this task is the more difficult for you. Be as detailed as possible.

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11. Have you taken a six-hour CPE workshop?  Y   N

12. If yes, which aspects of the workshop were the most helpful, and which were not helpful. Be as detailed as possible.

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12. What have you done on your own to enhance your reading, writing and critical thinking skills, and to get ready for the CPE?

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Thank you for doing the CPE student self-study, and good luck on your exam!😊