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MOCK TEACHING TEST INFORMATION SHEET FOR INTERNATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANTS

The purpose of the mock teaching test is to provide a chance for prospective International Teaching Assistants to demonstrate their ability to communicate in a classroom situation. The test consists of a twelve-minute lesson which you will "teach" to a panel of three to five raters who will act as your "students" and will ask questions regarding your syllabus and lesson presentation. Your lesson will be videotaped.

Thirty minutes before your scheduled appointment, you will receive material for your ten- to twelve-minute lesson: 1) a course description for a course in your department; and 2) two topics taken from your field of study. You will have time to look over the material and to consider how you will present one of the topics to your "class." The topics will be typical of those presented in elementary courses in your field; you should present your material as if you were teaching a beginning level class to undergraduates. Use the blackboard if you wish. Do not attempt to write out a whole lecture and read it to the raters.

During your presentation, you should consider allotting your ten- to twelve- minutes as follows:

- 1) Greet the class and introduce yourself (no more than one minute)
- 2) Hand out and explain a course description (two or three minutes)
- 3) Discuss one of the topics you were given (five to seven minutes)

If your language and communication abilities are judged to meet university standards, you will be certified for classroom teaching duties.