



Candidate Suitability Test (CaST)

The OLS Academy Candidate Suitability Test (CaST) is designed to assess the candidates' academic abilities across domains including Math, English, Problem Solving, Science, and Medical.

Candidates are given 1-hour to complete the 50-question multiple choice evaluation. No calculators, reference material, or cellphones are permitted in the testing area.

Sample Questions:

English:

- For the English component, candidates can expect to read a short story / article and answer 10 questions. These 10 questions are crafted to assess whether the candidate possesses the necessary English comprehension and basic vocabulary to function within the program.
- Sample question:
 - *"In the above article, what is meant by the term elevate."*

Math:

- For the Math component, candidates can expect to answer 10 questions related to basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and fractions. These questions are crafted to assess whether the candidate possesses the necessary math skills to function within the program.
- Sample question:
 - *" $1/3 + 1/3 = \underline{\quad}$ "*

Reasoning & Problem-Solving:

- For the Reasoning & Problem-Solving component, candidates are once again asked 10 questions after being presented with various scenarios. These questions are crafted to assess whether the candidate possesses the ability to simplify and utilize complex information to a degree required to adequately function within the program.
- Sample question:
 - *"Bill normally sells apples that cost \$5.00/each. Today, Bill sold Gary 3 apples at 50% off. How much money total, did Bill earn from this transaction?"*



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Additional Components:

Should the number of candidates in the ranking exceed the number of available seats and should more than one candidate receive the same overall score following Selection, the program uses the *Science* and *Medical* components to determine who would be awarded remaining seats.

Sample Questions:

Science:

- For the Science component, candidates are asked 10 questions related to science-based concepts. These questions are crafted to assess whether the candidate possesses science knowledge that would assist them as they proceed through the program.
- Sample question:
 - “*What is osmosis?*”

Medical:

- For the Medical component, candidates are asked 10 questions related to the field of medicine. These questions are crafted to assess whether the candidate possesses medical knowledge that would assist them as they proceed through the program.
- Sample question:
 - “*What is the anatomical term for the upper arm?*”

Once again, the *Science* and *Medical* components are only scored if the number of candidates exceed the remaining number of seats available, and two or more candidates possess the same overall score following Selection Day.