

## FDU-Vancouver English Placement Test

Prepare a multiple-paragraph essay of about 400–600 words on the topic below. Use the time available to plan, write, review, and edit what you have written.

**You have 70 minutes to complete this task.**

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### **Success: Hard Work or Luck?**

Success is often associated with the achievement of the wealth, position, honors, or fame that have come about through hard work.

On the other hand, some people seem to achieve success accidentally, by being in the right place at the right time. In fact, Karl Popper suggests that “success in life is largely a matter of luck. It has little correlation with merit, and in all fields of life there have always been people of great merit who did not succeed.”

**Assignment:** Is success in life earned or do people succeed just because they are lucky?

Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, life experience and/or observations. Remember that how well you write is more important than how much you write.

Allow time to review and proofread your essay and to make any revisions or corrections.

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