

Outline for April 18, 2007

Question: This short exam asks you to translate bureaucratese into ordinary English. All are rewordings of common phrases. Please do *not* write your term paper like these phrases!

1. Scintillate, scintillate, asteroid minikin.
2. Members of an avian species of identical plumage congregate.
3. Surveillance should precede saltation.
4. Pulchritude possesses solely cutaneous profundity.
5. It is fruitless to become lachrymose over precipitately departed lacteal fluid.
6. Freedom from incrustations of grime is contiguous to rectitude.
7. The writing implement is more potent than the épée.
8. It is fruitless to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative maneuvers.
9. Eschew the implement of correction and vitiate the scion.
10. The temperature of the aqueous content of an unremittingly galled saucepan does not reach 212° F.

I couldn't find the original source of this little gem.

1. Greetings and felicitations!
 - a. Ellen Abrams will talk about writing. Pay attention, because this will help you do a better job on your term report—and we will grade you on your writing!