The ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (ALIRA)
FAQ'S and Customer Support Manual

What is the ALIRA?
The ACTFL Latin Interpretive Reading Assessment (ALIRA) is a computer-adaptive assessment of Latin students' ability to read for comprehension a variety of Latin-language texts that typify those used in an instructional setting. One or two multiple-choice questions accompany each text and gather evidence of understanding of main ideas, supporting details, point-of-view, inferences, or text purpose.

What is a "computer-adaptive assessment?"
Computer-adaptive assessments adjust difficulty of texts and questions based on a student's performance throughout the assessment. By doing so, the assessment determines the student's ability level quickly and efficiently.

What grade levels are appropriate for the ALIRA?
ALIRA is designed for students in middle school and beyond.

How long is the ALIRA?
ALIRA must be completed within 50 minutes as it is designed to be given in a single class period. There is a 50 minute countdown clock for the overall test. There is also a separate timer that appears for each text that informs students how much time they have left to complete the questions associated with that text.

Can students go back and change their answers?
No. The computer makes decisions about text difficulty based on students' answers. Once students have submitted their answers to a question and moved on to either the next question or text, they cannot return.

What kinds of texts does ALIRA use?
ALIRA presents a wide variety of texts including shorter and longer texts from ancient Rome, texts from today's Latin-users' community and may include Wikipedia, social networks, and online newspapers and publications. The texts appear in block letter without macrons. Click here to see some samples.
http://www.actfl.org/sites/default/files/ALIRA_Sample_Test.pdf

What kind of score does ALIRA give?
ALIRA provides an ACTFL Performance Score. There are four gradations at the Novice level and five gradations at the Intermediate level. ALIRA Scores are N1, N2, N3, N4, I1, I2, I3, I4, and I5. Test takers receive an individual ALIRA report that shows the score and provides a brief narrative explaining it. Click here to see a sample ALIRA score report.

What technology is required to administer ALIRA?
ALIRA must be administered in a proctored setting and is designed to use a basic computer and broadband connection, such as a school's language- or computer lab. There is a systems compatibility check at: http://landr.actfltesting.org/.

What if Popups are being blocked creating a problem during the test?
Customer should be instructed to either disable the browser's popup blocker, or add www.actfltesting.org as a trusted site, because ALIRA uses popups as part of the test.

Where do my students go to take the test?
http://landr.actfltesting.org/default.aspx

What is the average delivery time for ratings?
Test results and certificates are available upon completion from your own client utility site.

What if the student can't login and the error message says "No Tests are available?"
This usually means that the student has attempted to login incorrectly too many times and has exceeded the number of login attempts allowed. The number of login attempts needs to be reset by IT.