Online Readiness Results

[80-100 points] **Looking Good**!   It looks like you are ready for the online learning environment. It is important to know that taking courses online involves just as much work as taking courses in a physical classroom. While online learning offers flexibility and convenience, you will have weekly requirements (such as assignments, readings, and participation in discussion boards). Having a dedicated place to work without distractions can help you concentrate and achieve your goals. You seem pretty comfortable with technology, so you shouldn't have problems interacting in the online course environment. Make sure that you have the right equipment (hardware, software, and an Internet connection) is critical for taking online courses. Being able to surf the internet and find pertinent information has been shown to correlate with academic success. Communicating by email and expressing your thoughts in writing is extremely important in the online learning environment. From your answers, you indicate that you are comfortable in doing this. Much of the online course involves communicating with your instructor and classmates in writing. Your responses indicate that you manage your time pretty well. Being organized and having good time management is crucial for doing well in your online courses. Finding the time to read the materials and complete assignments is very important.

[60-79] **Need to Sharpen Skills**   Don't forget that online classes have the same rigor as face to face classes, but you will need a lot more discipline to stay on track without weekly classroom time. You need to take some time to consider if online classes are a good match for you. You may not have a great need to take a class online, but you can still decide that online is the best option after you explore on-campus options. Before you enroll, make sure you have a suitable environment for focusing on your studies. Having the right equipment (hardware, software, and an Internet connection) is critical for taking online courses. You may want to evaluate your technology skills to ensure that you are able to perform the necessary tasks in the online learning environment. For instance, the ability to search the internet and download files is very important. Finding the time to read the materials and complete assignments is very important. Being able to ask the instructor or classmates for help has been linked to academic success. It's also a good idea to have the support of family and/or friends. In addition, be aware of different resources that may be available to help you communicate and feel connected such as community spaces, portfolios, office hours, question/answer sessions, etc. Disciplining yourself to log into your course daily and complete assignments may seem challenging, but is necessary if you want to do well. Know the course expectations and plan accordingly. Succeeding in the online learning environment is closely related to your ability to manage your time. Here's link to provide time management tips http://www.elearners.com/online-education-resources/online-learning/time-management-for-online-learners/ .

[20-59 Points] **Rethink it**!   It looks like you need to explore your readiness for online learning a little further. It is important to know that taking courses online involve just as much work (sometimes more) as taking on-campus courses. While online learning offers flexibility and convenience, you will have weekly requirements (such as assignments, readings, and participation in discussion boards) and you will need to have a dedicated place to work without distractions to help you concentrate and achieve your goals.   Because you are not meeting in the familiar environment of a classroom, it's possible to feel a sense of isolation in an online class. Your course may require you to create a PowerPoint presentation as part of your grade. You don't want to be stuck trying to figure out how to use the software in the middle of your course. Being able to manage your time is crucial for doing well in your online courses. You may benefit from developing a strategy for managing your weekly assignments and tasks. Finding the time to read the materials and complete assignments is very important. Disciplining yourself to log into your course daily and complete assignments may seem challenging, but is necessary if you want to do well. For instance, allocate a certain amount of time each week for each task. Succeeding in the online learning environment is closely related to your ability to manage your time – think about ways that you can maximize your schedule so that you use your time efficiently and productively. Before your course begins, consider taking a supplemental training in the areas where your skills need some help. You can also find free online tutorial classes at http://gcflearnfree.org/computers. If you have specific questions or concerns, you can visit the Blackboard Learn Help Desk at http://www.blackboard.com/learning-management-system/blackboard-learn.html