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The LaserWriter IISC specs indicate a speed of eight pages per minute. I am getting only five pages in about 4.5 minutes. The text is all one font and one size. Font sizes in multiples of four are installed in the system as suggested in the manual.

DISCUSSION -----

The specifications for all printers on the market are based on ideal conditions. In the case of Apple's laser printers, the assumption is that a page has already been downloaded and imaged by the I/O board. In other words, eight copies of a one-page document print in one minute, if you start the clock when the first page is picked out of the paper tray. An eight-page document prints slower, as each page must be downloaded and imaged before being put on paper.

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