Follow Directions

1. Write your birth date_______________________
2. Cross out all of the vowels in the word serendipity.
3. Add the following numbers: 12, 24, 12, 1, 10________
4. Write down the first word at the top of this page____________
5. Write your student identification number____________
6. Write your name instead of your birth date for question 1 and skip all the other questions.

Budget Your Time

Work as a group to determine how much time you should spend on each section in the following practice tests. (For this exercise, you are not looking at content but rather time allotment for each section.)

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General Multiple Choice Guessing Strategies

1. Extremes/absolutes are rarely the correct answer/true. Usually they are distractors.
2. True answers are more plentiful than false simply because it takes more work to create a false question.
3. Answers that contain specific, in-depth details with more words are more likely to be correct.
4. A correct numerical answer is usually couched between lower and higher answer choices.
5. If you have two opposites included in your answer choices, one is most likely to be correct.
6. If you have five answer choices and you can eliminate three of them, then you have increased your chance of a correct answer to 50%- the same percentage as a True/False question.
7. Attempt to answer the question without looking at the options. If necessary, cover the options.
8. If options/quantities are similar, chances are one of them is correct.
9. When guessing, choose answers that are not the first or last option.
10. Answer the questions you know first. This will boost your confidence!
Levels of Strategies for Multiple Choice Tests

Adequate and Effective Preparation (60% to 80% right)
- Creating study calendar based on the number of days out from a test
- Preparation and review strategies (flashcards, repletion of math problems)
- Office hours to get questions answered before the next lecture
- Reviewing notes 10 minutes after class everyday
- Not cramming- studying and reviewing the material daily

Problem-solving strategies (20% to 30% right)
- Underlining key words in the question
- Not being fooled by “second-best” answers
- All of the above/None of the above
- Covering answers to figure out in your own words

Guessing Strategies (0% to 10% right)
- Use sparingly
- An answer that contains an unfamiliar term is probably wrong

Guessing Without a Strategy
(0% to 10% right)

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