

The Ten Rules of the Test-Taking Game



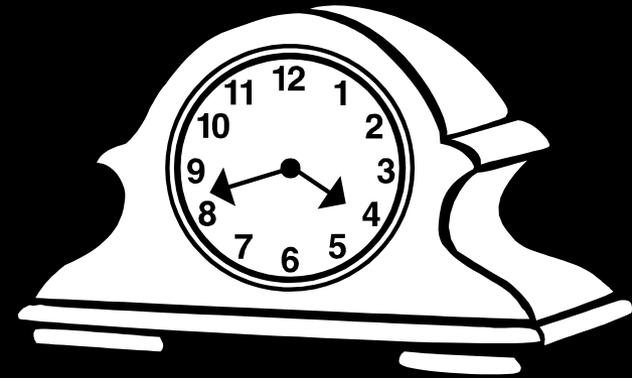
*How Many Points Do
You Want to Get?*

Rule 1

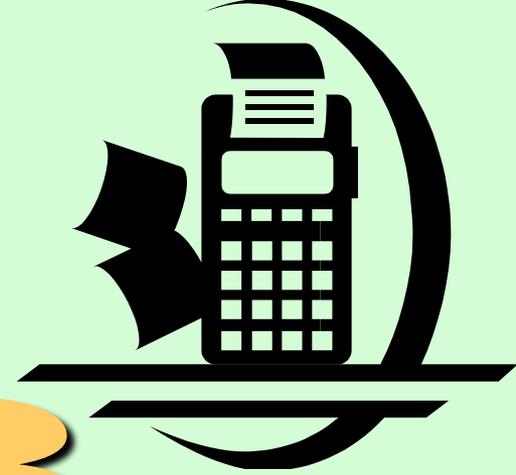
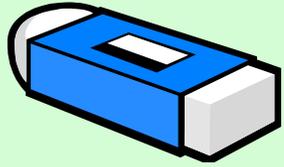
- ACT AS IF YOU WILL SUCCEED
 - When you think negative thoughts, your stress level rises.
 - Your confidence level drops which often leads to feelings of failure
 - Think about success
 - Smile, take deep breaths, close your eyes and imagine getting the test back with a good grade written on the top.



Rule 2



- Arrive Ahead of Time
 - Being on time or early sets your mind at ease.
 - You have a better chance of being relaxed
 - You can prepare yourself mentally for the test.



Rule 3

- **Bring the Essential Testing Tools**
 - Extra writing utensils
 - Erasers
 - Calculator
 - Dictionary
 - Outline
 - Flashcards

Rule 4

- **IGNORE PANIC PUSHERS**
 - **PANIC PUSHERS ARE PEOPLE WHO ASK YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MATERIAL THEY ARE ABOUT TO BE TESTED ON.**
 - **THEY WILL CAUSE YOU TO PANIC AND LOSE YOUR CONFIDENCE**
 - **SPEND YOUR TIME CONCENTRATING ON WHAT YOU KNOW, NOT ON WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.**



Rule 5

- **Pre-view the Playing Field**
 - **Once you have received your test, you should do several things before you begin**
 - **Listen to instructions and read directions carefully**
 - **Determine the point spread**
 - **Budget your time**
 - **Use the test as an information tool**

Rule 6

- Write in the Margin
 - Write key terms, formulas, names, dates and other information in the margin immediately so that you won't forget it.
 - You may want to create a mind map in the corner of the test so that you can communicate your ideas in an organized fashion.





Rule 7

- **Complete the Easy Questions First**
 - Builds confidence
 - Mark the tough questions and return to them later
 - Avoid spending too much time on a challenging question.

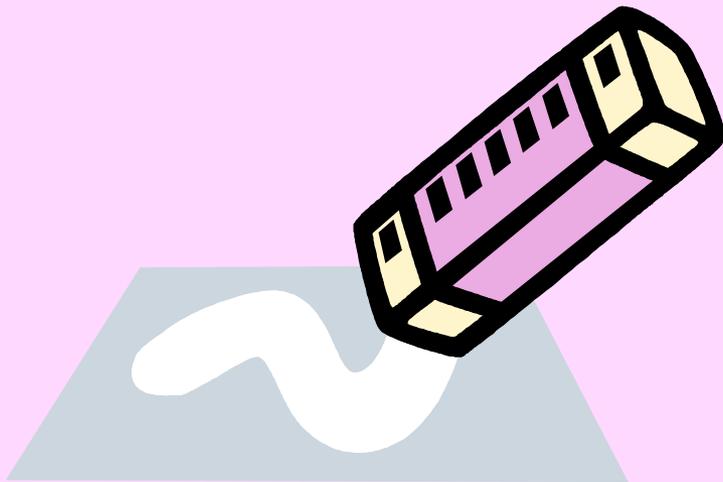
Rule 8

- Know if There is a Guessing Penalty
 - Chances are there will be no penalty for guessing so NEVER leave a question blank
 - If you don't know, take a guess

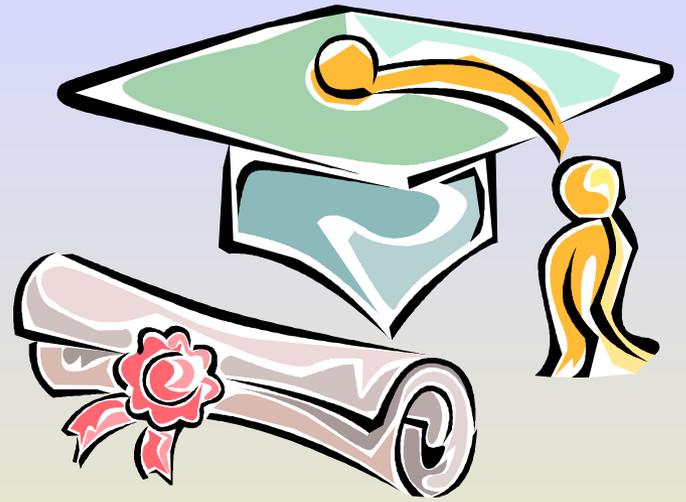


Rule 9

- Avoid Changing Your Answers
 - Research indicates that three out of four times your first choice is usually correct; therefore, you should avoid changing an answer unless you are *absolutely sure* the answer is wrong.



Rule 10



- Write Clearly and Neatly
 - Make sure your writing is easy for the instructor to read.
 - It must look presentable
 - You have better chances of getting a higher grade if your writing is legible.