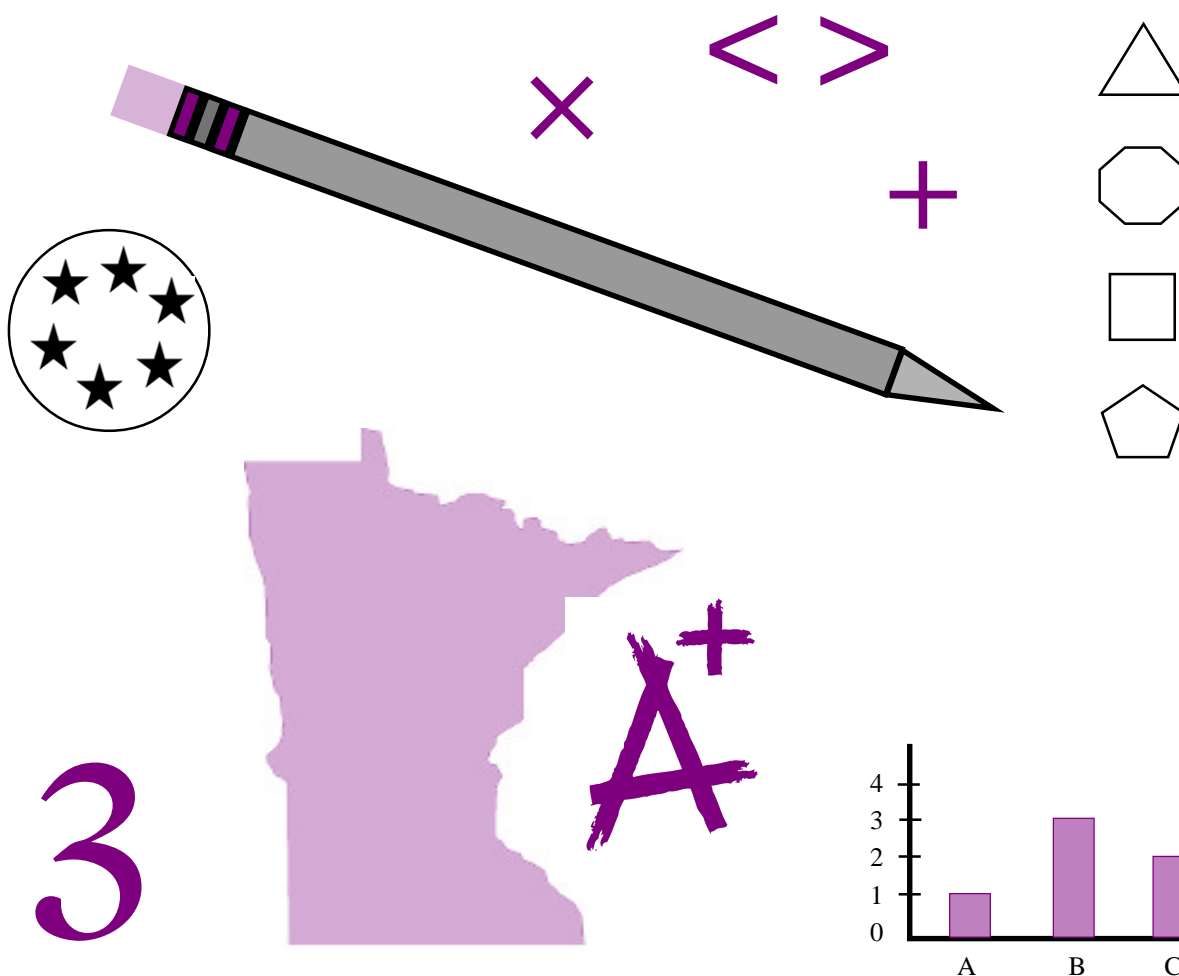


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Preface

These Successful Test Taking[®] practice tests have been developed to help you take a mathematics assessment, as well as review strategies you already use in math.

A good test:

- A. confirms what you already know,
- B. helps you to see where you can use what you know,
- C. shows you new ideas while taking the test.

Please note that these practice tests were designed to help you learn how to become a successful test taker. These tests, however, are not a complete model of your state assessment. These tests were developed to provide you with typical items that might be tested.

Test taking is complicated. By studying tests and how they are written, you can become a successful test taker. The reading, writing, and mathematics strategies you use in the classroom and in daily life can be used here as well.

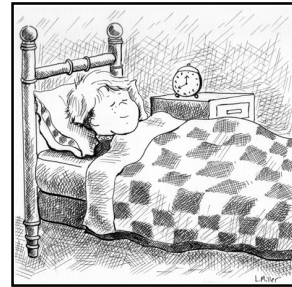
As you work with these practice tests, try to do your best work. Doing your best work is a mirror of your ability and effort.

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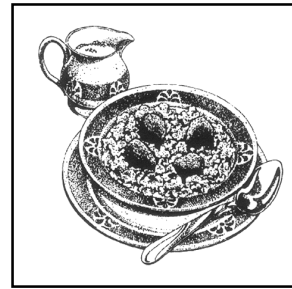
Test Taking Tips

Here are four helpful tips to do before coming to school on test days:

1. **Get some rest.** It's not very smart to try to do your best work when you are tired.



2. **Eat something** in advance, such as cereal, toast, or fruit, and have some milk or fruit juice. You already know that a good breakfast gives you the energy you need to do well in school.



3. **Come prepared.** Be ready to begin the test when you get to school. Your teacher will let you know when it is time to begin testing. Also, bring a book or magazine to entertain yourself if you finish the test early.

4. **Arrive on time.** Tests take energy. Don't spend all your energy rushing to get to school on time. Allow yourself plenty of time to get to school on the test days.

Tips once you get to school on test days:

1. **Find a comfortable place to work.** This may mean not sitting next to your friends. Remember, your goal is to do your best on the test. Sit where you can concentrate and do well.
2. **Pay attention.** Listen carefully when your teacher reads the test directions. Ask your teacher to explain the directions if you do not understand them.
3. **Follow directions.** Some tests are confusing. You may know the answer, but then you must correctly fill in the oval or complete the task to get credit for your answer.
4. **Stuck? Don't waste time.** It is OK to skip a difficult item and return to it later.
5. **Don't give up.** Some test writers put the hardest items at the beginning of a test. Don't get discouraged. Keep going!
6. **Do your own work.** Copying another student's answers is not right.
7. **Choose carefully.** For multiple-choice items, select the BEST answer. If you are not sure of an answer, guess wisely. But don't choose just any answer. You will probably discover at least one incorrect answer choice. Decide which answer choices are clearly incorrect even if you can't completely figure out the correct answer. This will make guessing wisely easier.
8. **Think carefully.** For open-ended items, think and calculate carefully. Determine the answer and complete the task the item calls for.
9. **Review your answers.** Review your multiple-choice answers and open-ended answers when you are finished to be sure you have the BEST answer.
10. **Keep up the good work.** Most tests are too long, and you will get tired. Keep at it. It may help to stretch your back and arms, or look at the ceiling or out a window from time to time.
11. **Remain calm.** Tests are important, but they aren't the end of the world. Do the best you can.

Successful Test Taking Strategies for Answering Multiple-Choice Items

1. Read each item carefully.
Try to get a “feel” for what the answer might be while you are reading the item.
2. Ask and answer, “What do I know?” “What am I being asked to do?”
3. Think and calculate carefully.
4. There will be 4 answer choices for each multiple-choice item.
Look carefully at each answer choice.
Decide which answer choices are clearly incorrect.
5. If you really don’t know the answer, try using each answer choice in the item. “Plugging-in” each answer choice may help you determine the BEST answer.
6. Choose the BEST answer by selecting the oval to the left of the answer you chose. Completely fill in only one oval.
A correct answer is worth 1 point.

Successful Test Taking Strategies for Answering Open-Ended Items

Open-ended items require you to think about an answer to an item, figure out a way to solve the item, and then complete a task.

Open-ended tasks may be any of the following:

- a. type-in: you will type numerical answers in a box
- b. graphing: you will plot data to complete a mathematical display
- c. drag-and-drop: you will create an answer using several different choices
- d. hot-spot: you will choose several correct answers or you will mark locations on mathematical graphics or displays

A complete answer is worth 3 points.

1. **THINK:** Read the item and any directions carefully.
Ask yourself, “What do I know?” “What is the item asking me to do?”
2. While you are reading the item, look for key words or ideas.
3. **SOLVE:** Use the strategies you know best to help you solve the item:
 - Brainstorm for ideas and strategies by recalling what you already know.
 - Use all the information given in the item.
 - Decide what is important and what is not.
 - Be careful with your calculations.
4. Check your work to make sure you have answered each part of the item and have given all the information asked for by the item.

10 Strategies for Successful Test Taking in Mathematics

Good math test takers:

1. Read the item carefully.
2. Ask, "What does the item want me to do?"
 - add, subtract, multiply, divide, estimate, measure?"
3. Ask and answer, - "What do I know?"
 - "What am I being asked to do?"
 - "What procedures do I use?"
4. Solve multiple-choice items by deciding which answer choices are clearly incorrect and then selecting the BEST answer.
5. Solve open-ended items by **Thinking and Solving** carefully.
6. Review all answers to be sure they have the BEST answer.
7. If stuck, return to the item later for additional work.
8. Take quick stretch breaks when needed, then ask, "What am I getting ready to do next?"
9. Don't give up. Sometimes the easiest items are at the end of the test.
10. Smile and pat themselves on the back for finding the best answers.



General Information for the Student

There are different types of mathematics items in this book:

1. Multiple-choice items ask you to choose the BEST answer from among four answer choices.
2. Open-ended items may have you do tasks such as type an answer, plot data, drag-and-drop different choices, choose several correct answers, or mark locations on a graph.

This book has 2 practice tests. Each practice test is divided into 4 segments. Before you begin each segment, your teacher will give you instructions.

You may **not** use a calculator for Segments 1 and 3.
You may use a calculator for Segments 2 and 4.

Here are some important things to remember:

1. For multiple-choice items, choose the BEST answer by selecting the oval to the left of the answer you chose.
2. For open-ended items, carefully determine the answer and complete the task the item calls for.
3. If you do not know the answer to an item, go on to the next item. You can return to that item later.
4. **CONTINUE WORKING UNTIL YOU REACH A STOP SIGN AT THE BOTTOM OF A PAGE. THEN STOP.**
5. If you finish a test segment early, you may check your work **only** in that test segment.
Do not turn to another segment or practice test.

2. Which number is 10,000 less than 77,043?

Ⓐ 67,043

Ⓑ 76,043

Ⓒ 76,943

Ⓓ 77,033

9. Jasper rode his bike 15 miles.

Jasper rode 3 miles each hour.

Which equation could be used to find h , the number of hours Jasper rode his bike?

Ⓐ $3 \times 15 = h$

Ⓑ $3 \div 15 = h$

Ⓒ $h \div 15 = 3$

Ⓓ $15 \div 3 = h$

15. Which number below shows 71,508 rounded to the nearest ten thousand?

Ⓐ 70,000

Ⓑ 71,000

Ⓒ 72,000

Ⓓ 80,000

19. Bella made the input-output table shown below.

x	y
787	673
587	473
387	273
187	

What number should Bella place in the empty box of the y column?

- (A) 73
 - (B) 114
 - (C) 173
 - (D) 373
-

37. Erik read 6 times as many books as Asa.

Which of the following could be used to find the number of books Erik read, using a for the number of books Asa read?

- (A) $6 \times a$
 - (B) $6 + a$
 - (C) $6 \div a$
 - (D) $a - 6$
-

44. Dario buys a pad of paper for \$2.27, a pen for \$1.24, and an eraser for \$0.63.

Dario pays for the items with a \$5.00 bill.

How much change should Dario receive?

- (A) \$0.06
- (B) \$0.14
- (C) \$0.86
- (D) \$0.94

2. GERALYN went on vacation with her family for 17 days.
How long was GERALYN on vacation?
- (A) 2 weeks and 3 days
 - (B) 1 week and 6 days
 - (C) 2 weeks and 4 days
 - (D) 1 week and 9 days
-

5. Yesterday morning, Jordan cut the grass at her home.
The clock shows the time Jordan began to cut the grass.



Jordan finished cutting the grass at 11:15 a.m.
How many minutes did Jordan spend cutting the grass?

- (A) 5 minutes
 - (B) 15 minutes
 - (C) 30 minutes
 - (D) 45 minutes
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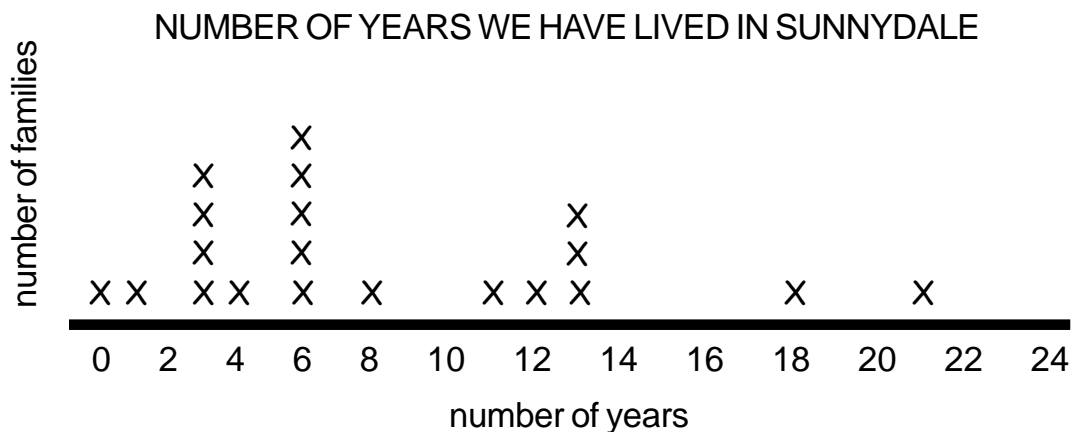
20. A total of 1,234 football fans began to watch a football game.
It started to rain 30 minutes after the game began.
657 fans went home.
How many football fans stayed at the game?

- (A) 577
- (B) 623
- (C) 677
- (D) 687

24. Mr. Park, the head of the science department, bought 6 packets of radish seeds. Each packet has 105 radish seeds. What is the total number of radish seeds in all the packets?

- (A) 600
 - (B) 630
 - (C) 660
 - (D) 690
-

32. The students in Mrs. Smith's class at Sunnydale Elementary School put together the line plot shown below after they gathered information about the number of years their families have lived in Sunnydale.



From the information on the line plot, which of the following is true?

- (A) Two families have lived in Sunnydale for 10 years.
- (B) The longest time a family has lived in Sunnydale is 18 years.
- (C) Four families have lived in Sunnydale six years.
- (D) 12 families have lived in Sunnydale less than eight years.

8. The table shows the number of soccer goals scored by 5 soccer players.

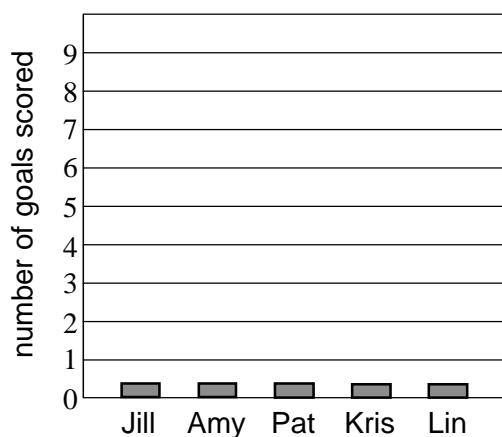
Soccer Goals Scored

player	number of goals scored
Jill	3
Amy	7
Pat	9
Kris	4
Lin	6

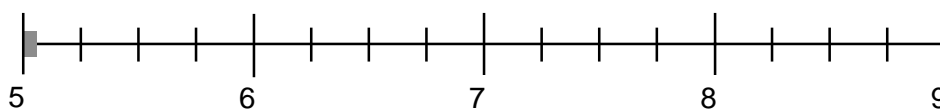
Make a graph of the data in the table.

Click on a point above each bar where the top of the bar should be.

Soccer Goals Scored



6. Shane wants to plot the fraction $7\frac{3}{4}$ on the number line below.



Move the gray line that is on the left of the number line

to the place on the bar graph that represents $7\frac{3}{4}$.

Answer Key & Teacher's Guide

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This *Successful Test Taking[®]* Mathematics 3 book is specifically designed to assist teachers and students as they incorporate the information and skills contained in the Minnesota Academic Standards into their learning environment. Each item is aligned with the strands, standards, and benchmarks. There is at least one item in the book for each assessable benchmark. As such, the book is an **essential teaching resource** for educators interested in preparing their students for the MCA-III. Students will see the book as a helpful **learning tool** to master important mathematics skills.

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3. On pages 6 and 7, review with your students the strategies for answering the different types of mathematics questions on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment-III.
4. **This book contains two practice tests. Each test is equally challenging, so teachers may administer either test first.**
5. Because this book is a learning/practice tool, you should tell your students that the format of the Successful Test Taking[®] Mathematics 3 books is somewhat different from the MCA-III.
6. Have students turn to the 10 Strategies for Successful Test Taking on page 8 and discuss it with them. Then review the General Information for the Student on page 9.
7. Next, have students begin Segment 1 of either practice test. Students will continue working until they reach the end of Segment 1. Testing for Segments 2, 3, and 4 will be carried out in the same fashion as the testing for Segment 1.
8. The other practice test is to be administered in the same manner as the first.
9. **Remind students to continue working on the math items until they reach a stop sign  in their books, at which point students stop.**
10. Each practice test has 44 items and 56 possible points.

Mathematics 3 Answer Key

88 Multiple-Choice items worth 1 point each

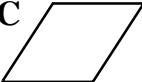
?? Open-Ended items worth? points each

The **strand, standard, and benchmark**
are listed above each correct answer.

PRACTICE TEST #1 -- pages 10-27 Segment 1 -- page 10

1. **3.3.3.1**
C 10:30

2. **3.1.1.3**
A 67,043

3. **3.3.1.1**
C 

4. **3.1.1.1**
A 44,054

5. **3.1.1.2**
B $70,000 + 14,000 + 600 + 90 + 8$

6. **3.1.3.1**
C R

7. **3.3.2.2**
D 24 meters

8. **3.1.3.2**
A $\frac{1}{8}$

9. **3.2.2.2**
D $15 \div 3 = h$

10. **3.3.3.4**
B 42 degrees Fahrenheit

11. **3.3.2.3**
C 11 centimeters

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