

Test Prep Tips for the ACT

Information sheet for students planning to take the ACT Assessment

<p style="text-align: center;">ACT English Test 75 items, 45 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tips for taking the ACT English Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pace yourself• Be aware of the writing style used in the passages• Examine the underlined portions of the passage• Note the differences in the answer choices• Reread the sentence, using your selected answer <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Content covered by the ACT English Test</u></p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Punctuation (13%)</td><td>Strategy (16%)</td></tr><tr><td>Grammar and Usage (16%)</td><td>Organization (15%)</td></tr><tr><td>Sentence Structure (24%)</td><td>Style (16%)</td></tr></tbody></table>	Punctuation (13%)	Strategy (16%)	Grammar and Usage (16%)	Organization (15%)	Sentence Structure (24%)	Style (16%)	<p style="text-align: center;">ACT Math Test 60 items, 60 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tips for taking the ACT Mathematics Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pace yourself• If you use a calculator, use it wisely• Solve the problem• Locate your solution among the answer choices• Make sure you answer the question• Make sure your answer is reasonable• Check your work <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Content covered by the ACT Mathematics Test</u></p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Pre Algebra (23%)</td><td>Coordinate Geometry (15%)</td></tr><tr><td>Elementary Algebra (17%)</td><td>Plane Geometry (23%)</td></tr><tr><td>Intermediate Algebra (15%)</td><td>Trigonometry (7%)</td></tr></tbody></table>	Pre Algebra (23%)	Coordinate Geometry (15%)	Elementary Algebra (17%)	Plane Geometry (23%)	Intermediate Algebra (15%)	Trigonometry (7%)
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<p style="text-align: center;">ACT Reading Test 40 items, 35 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tips for taking the ACT Reading Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pace yourself• Read the passage carefully• Refer to the passage when answering the questions <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Content covered by the ACT Reading Test</u></p> <table><tbody><tr><td>Social Studies (25%)</td><td>Prose Fiction (25%)</td></tr><tr><td>Natural Sciences (25%)</td><td>Humanities (25%)</td></tr></tbody></table>	Social Studies (25%)	Prose Fiction (25%)	Natural Sciences (25%)	Humanities (25%)	<p style="text-align: center;">ACT Science Reasoning Test 40 items, 35 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tips for taking the ACT Science Reasoning Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pace yourself• Read the passage carefully• Note different viewpoints in passages <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Content covered by the ACT Science Reasoning Test</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Test</p> <p>Drawn from: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Physical Science</p>								
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<p style="text-align: center;">General Test Taking Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pace yourself• Read the directions for each test carefully• Read each question carefully• Answer the easy questions first• Use logic in the more difficult questions• Review your work• Answer every question ... NO PENALTY for guessing• Be precise in marking your answer sheet• Erase completely	<p style="text-align: center;">Preparing for Test Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be confident in your ability to do well• Be prepared to work hard• Know what to expect on the test day• Prepare well in advance• Get plenty of rest the night before the test• Arrive early at 7:30 am for the test session• Dress for temperature variations at the test site• Take these items to the test center: photo ID, your test center admission ticket, three sharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers, calculator, and a watch (without an alarm)												

Practice test and sample questions: Preparing for the ACT Assessment (free booklet from your counselor), www.march2success.com, ACT's website: <http://www.act.org/aap/testprep/index.html>, and www.utahfutures.org. Recommended preparation (study) time for the ACT is at least 10 hours.