

## TEST WISENESS TIPS FOR STUDENTS

### Get Ready Physically and Mentally

1. Get plenty of rest the night before the test, "cramming" won't help.
2. Eat a good breakfast before the test.
3. Be on time and alert.
4. Put everything else out of your mind and think only of doing your best.
5. Dress comfortably.
6. If you wear glasses, be sure you have them and wear them.

### Make the Best Use of Your Time

1. If the test is timed, pace yourself appropriately. (Remember, the SAT 9 is a timed test!)
2. Answer the easy questions first.
3. If you're stumped by a question, go on with the test:
  - a. Come back to the questions you skipped later.
  - b. Make a note on scratch paper of the questions you want to go back to so you can find them easily.
  - c. After skipping a question, make sure you also skip that answer space or set of bubbles.
  - d. Check that the question number in the test is the same as the number where you mark your answer on the answer sheet.
4. If you finish early, check over your answers.

### Make Fewer Mistakes

1. Read all directions to be sure you understand what you are supposed to do.
2. Ask the person giving the test for help if you don't understand the directions.
3. Read all questions carefully and all of the answer choices.
4. Be sure the question number in the test is the same as where you mark your answer on the answer sheet.

### Guessing

1. If you don't know the answer, try to eliminate some of the answer choices as wrong. This increases your chances of guessing the correct answer.
2. Don't make wild guesses. Make sure your choice of an answer is reasonable.

### Miscellaneous Tips

1. Don't panic! Tackle each question one at a time rather than thinking about the whole test at once.
2. Use relevant content information from other test questions where possible.
3. Don't score yourself as you take the test.
4. Trust your first answer but change an answer if you feel you must.
5. Remember, there will not be a pattern of correct answer choices.