

## Practice Tests

You have a test coming up. How do you prepare for the test? One idea is to create your own practice test. So how exactly do you create a practice test and what do you do with it once it is created?

### **Writing the test**

1. Record each objective for each section of the chapter.
2. For each section, find questions corresponding to the section's objectives. This question could come from the assigned exercises, the reading section in the textbook, your notes, or the chapter review, the practice exam or a quiz.
3. Be sure to include questions from your notes that you flagged as possible test questions.
4. Write down the directions for each question.
5. Select problems that you have the correct answers to so you can check your answers after you take the practice test.
6. Choose problems with a variety of complexities.
7. Make your practice test look like an actual exam.
8. Make extra copies of your practice test so that you can take it more than once or share it with a classmate.

### **Approximate length of the test**

1. Ask the teacher how many questions will be on the test and how many parts there are to each question.

2. Take this number and divide it by the number of sections that you are being tested on.

3. Choose approximately this number of questions per section for your list of questions.

4. If your instructor gives you a review for the test you can use that as a guide for the types of problems to include in your test.

### **Taking the test**

1. Take the practice test as you will take the actual test. If you can't use a calculator on the actual test, don't use it on the practice test. If the actual test is closed book, then don't use your book or notes.

2. Write neatly and show all of your work.

3. When you have completely finished, grade your own practice test. Check to see where your errors were.

4. Evaluate the types of mistakes you made

5. Take time for additional study of concepts that were missed and practice more problems of that type until you master them.

6. Rearrange the practice test problems in random order and retake the test.

7. Continue to take the test in its entirety until you score 100%.

