

TACKLING THE PLACEMENT TEST

When taking tests, keep these general test taking techniques in mind...

- Stay positive
- Breathe!
- Do not pay attention to others around you – focus on the test
- Read all directions thoroughly
- Read the whole question carefully, and pay attention to details
- Eat a mint when you study and eat a mint during the test – your sense of smell is strongly tied to memory!
- Review the material that you will be tested over

Multiple Choice Tests

- Think of answers on your own before reading the choices
- Eliminate answers you know are not correct
- Make an educated guess if there is no penalty
- Consider each answer as an individual true-false question
- Be wary of “all of the above” or “none of the above” options
- Remember, you are often looking for the *BEST* answer, not simply the *right* answer

Accuplacer Placement Test

- Not timed, so work at your own pace!
- Double, triple, quadruple-check your work!
- Use scrap paper
- Know your arithmetic. You will not have a calculator available for this section!
- Break up the subjects if you feel overwhelmed; math on one day, English on another
- Familiarize yourself with the basic functions of a computer