

TEST TAKING TIPS

1) Should I guess? **YES!**

Do not leave any blank! You will gain more than you lose.

If you are guessing on the *last* few problems and you have the time to read the answers, do the following: Find the problem that seems the most likely and do NOT choose that one. The last two or three problems are always tricky.

2) All the problems count the same so concentrate on the easy ones. The problems get harder as you go along.

3) When substituting numbers for letters, be sure to use many different types of numbers. Use positives, negatives, 0, 1, fractions, etc.

4) Get the ETS study guide (the big blue one) and practice, practice, practice! Take the test using the time allowed. Then go back & try the ones you missed. Ask a math teacher for help on any you can't figure out yourself. You will feel confident going into the test if you have had a lot of practice. The questions will look "familiar" to you and that is a big help. Take notes on the problems you missed. Make flashcards! Really! They can help a lot!

5) MEMORIZE the formulas in section 1.

6) You don't have to show every step. Your Algebra teachers wanted you to do that so that they could see that you knew what you were doing. On the SAT, you have to move right along so do some math in your head.