

Objective Test Grading

The following tests are all multiple choice or true/false answer documents. The number of test questions and the time allotted for the test is also indicated beside the test name.

Dictionary Skills	4 th /5 th and 6 th /7 th /8 th - 30 questions (multiple choice and matching questions); 30 minutes
Listening Skills	4 th /5 th and 6 th /7 th /8 th - 30 questions (multiple choice); 7 minutes
Maps, Graphs, and Charts	4 th and 5 th – 40 questions; 30 minutes 6 th , 7 th and 8 th Grades – 60 questions; 30 minutes
Mathematics	2 nd and 3 rd – 40 questions (multiple choice); 30 minutes 4 th and 5 th – 40 questions (multiple choice); 30 minutes 6 th , 7 th and 8 th – 50 problems (multiple choice); 30 minutes
Science	*4 th and 5 th – 30 questions; 30 minutes 6 th , 7 th and 8 th - 50 questions; 30 minutes *Pilot
Vocabulary	5 th , 6 th , 7 th /8 th - 30 questions (multiple choice); 30 minutes

Important Things to Remember when Grading

Marking Tests: All answers MUST be written in PRINTED CAPITAL LETTERS (A, B, C, D). Lowercase or cursive answers will be marked incorrect. Any marking in the answer space will constitute an attempt. Contestants may leave an answer completely blank in order to not have points deducted for these errors.

Scoring Tests: Add 5 points for each correct answer. Subtract 2 points for each incorrect answer or for each answer that was attempted, marked through or erased, and did not result in the correct answer. No points are added or deducted for skipped or unanswered items.

Other Objective Tests (different grading instructions)

Art Memory – This test consists of two parts.

Part 1: 30 multiple choice and True/False questions; 15 minutes

Part 2: Students identify 15 pieces of art, along with the artist. The answer document will have a space for the contestant to write the last name of the artist, and the exact painting title.

Scoring the Test

Part 1:

- Only printed CAPITAL LETTERS (A, B, C, D) will be accepted
- 5 points for each correct answer
- No points are deducted for incorrect, marked through, erased or unanswered items

Part 2:

- 5 points for artist's last name
- 5 points for the name of the painting
- All words, spellings, letter formations, capitalizations, and punctuation must be correct for the students to receive the full 5 points.
- If answer is correct, but a word(s) is misspelled, letters are not formed correctly (difficult to read), incorrect use or no use of capital letters, incorrect punctuation, the answer will be awarded 3 points.
- No points are deducted for incorrect answers.
- Refer to contest directions SCORING SECTION for specific details.
- No points will be deducted for missed, skipped, or unanswered items.

Calculator Applications - This test consists of 80 problems involving numerical calculations.

Both accuracy and speed are factors in the competition. Geometric problems involve knowledge of formulas for simple figures. Students use their personal silent, hand-held, tapeless calculator. Contestants have 30 minutes to answer as many questions as they can. Contestants may write on the test paper, but only the answer should be written in the answer space.

- Answers may be written in decimal or in powers of 10 notation of the form.

- In the integer or dollar sign problems, answers should be written with three significant digits only, with a plus or minus one-digit error in the third significant digit permitted
- Integer problems require answers written as an integer and no error is permitted.
- Dollar sign problems should be answered to the exact cent, but plus or minus one cent error is permitted
- Answers should be given in units specified on the answer blank, if a unit is required, and with the correct sign
- All test questions up through the last one attempted, including an erased attempt, will be scored

Scoring the test

- Add 5 points for each correct answer.
- Subtract 2 points for each wrong answer, **every skipped** test question, and for each question that was marked through or erased answer that does not result in a correct answer.
- Mark-outs are acceptable, as long as a correct answer is written beside the mark-out.
- If an answer is marked out and no correct answer is written in the answer space beside the mark-out, 2 points are deducted.
- Erasures are permitted.
- Any erased correct answer that can still be seen is counted correct.
- An erased answer that is not correct and does not have a correct answer written over or beside it constitutes an incorrect answer and 2 points are deducted.

Information Skills – This test consists of 24 short answer questions using the internet. Students will write their answers on the blanks provided in the contest booklet.

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- Add 5 points for each completely correct answer. This must include correct capitalization, spelling, and punctuation.
- Answers that are common nouns must NOT be capitalized.
- Add points to correct answers that lack the correct capitalization, spelling, and/or punctuation.
- Incorrect or skipped questions are awarded no points.

Music Memory – This test consists of two parts.

Part 1: 20 multiple choice and True/False questions; 10 minutes

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Part 2: Students identify 16 pieces of music, along with the composer. The answer document will have a space to write the last name of the artist, and the exact painting title.

Scoring the Test

Part 1:

- Only printed CAPITAL LETTERS (A, B, C, D) will be accepted
- 5 points awarded for each correct answer
- No points deducted for incorrect, marked through, erased, or unanswered items

Part 2:

- 5 points awarded for composer's last name.
- 5 points awarded for the name of the major work/selection – all words, spellings, letter formations, capitalizations, and punctuation *must* be correct for the student to receive the full 5 points.
- 3 points awarded if answer is correct, *but* there is a spelling, letter formation, capitalization or punctuation error.
- No points deducted for incorrect answers.
- Refer to specific contest directions SCORING SECTION for specific details.
- No points deducted for missed, skipped, or unanswered items.
- Tiebreakers will be graded only in the case of a tied score. For each completely correct answer, one point is awarded. The score in a tie should be posted with the original score and a + sign followed by the number of words correctly spelled in the tiebreaker section (95 +9).
- The tiebreakers should not be scored unless there is a tie.

Number Sense – This contest consists of 80 mental math problems and students are given 10 minutes to complete as many problems as they can. The students use a blue non-erasable pen to write their answers on the answer document. Please read all information on the Contest Instructions under the MARKING ANSWERS section for the specific requirements in writing the answers.

Scoring the Test

- 5 points for each correct answer.

- Subtract 2 points for each incorrect answer, for each answer that was marked through, marked over, or erased **AND** *for skipped or unanswered test items down through the last item attempted.*
- Erasures and extraneous marks or mark outs anywhere on the test paper will result in disqualification.

Spelling –

Grades 2 and 3	50 words/10 tiebreaker
Grades 4 and 5	75 words/15 tiebreaker
Grades 6 through 8	100 words/20 tiebreaker

Scoring the Test

- 5 points for each Spelling List word spelled correctly.
- 7 points for each outside word spelled correctly.
- No points added or deducted for misspelled, skipped, or unanswered items.
- Only proper nouns are capitalized and letter formation throughout the word **MUST** be correct, including capital letters for the contestant to receive credit.
- Tiebreakers earn one point for each word spelled correctly.
- The score in a tie should be posted with the original score and a + sign followed by the number of words correctly spelled in the tiebreaker section.
- The tiebreaker should not be scored unless there is a tie.