



- Dummy it down: plug in convenient numbers for letters (variables) to make a problem more concrete.
- If you don't know the answer to a multiple-choice question, but you can eliminate one or more answers, then guess from among the answers that are left.
- Geometry questions: Draw a picture! A picture can be very useful when one isn't provided. Fill in or label the picture with all the information that the question gives. Try to make an equation from the picture.
- Figures are accurate (to scale) unless otherwise noted. If two lines look like they are the same length, then they are the same length!

## When You Take the Test

- Mark the questions that you skip in your test booklet so that you can come back to them easily.
- Circle the multiple-choice answers that you choose in the test booklet so that you can check the answer grid against your booklet later on. This also allows you to grid several answers at once, instead of every time you finish a question. Transferring several answers at once is faster and more accurate.
- Grid-ins: always start the answer in the first (far-left) box. Don't leave any of these blank, since there's no penalty for guessing here. As with the multiple-choice, circle the answer you come up with in your test booklet so that you can check against your grid later on.
- You shouldn't have to read the instructions at the beginning of each section. Know these ahead of time.