

Tips for Answering The Numerical Entry Question

1) Since there are no answer choices to guide you, read the question carefully. Make sure that you have clearly understood what the question wants you to compute. Sometimes there will be a partial statement before or after the answer box to indicate the type of answer that is desired.

2) Pay special attention to units such as feet or miles, to orders of magnitude such as millions or billions, and to percents as compared with decimals that appears after the answer box. This will ensure that you not only provide your answer in the required units, but also confirms that you have interpreted the requirements of the question correctly.

3) If you are asked to round your answer, make sure you round to the required degree of accuracy.

For example, if an answer is 24.6 and if it is to be rounded to the nearest integer, you need to enter 25 in the box provided.

4. If your solution involves intermediate computations, you should carry out all computations exactly and round only your final answer in order to get the required degree of accuracy. If no rounding instructions are given, enter the exact answer.

4) Examine your answer to see if it is reasonable with respect to the information given. You may want to use estimation or another solution path to double-check your answer.

5) Do not waste time in reducing a fraction to its simplest form e.g. if you get the answer as $\frac{24}{72}$, remember that $\frac{6}{18}$, $\frac{2}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ are all valid responses. All answers are acceptable.

Also, 4.6 is equivalent to 4.60

6) We would recommend you to mark Numeric Entry question types for review. If you have time at the end of the section, you could revisit this question and review it once more.