

These will be test hacks for the standardized test and they will be needed.

Unlike school exams it is not the steps you take to get the answer which will get you points but the final answer.

IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW YOU GOT TO THE ANSWER AS LONG AS IT IS RIGHT, THE SHORTER TIME THE BETTER

Test prep is not only knowing the material but finding the fastest and efficient ways to use the materials and do your best on the test.

ACT format

*English (grammar) **75 questions in 45 min.***

*Math(mostly geometry) **60 questions in 60 min.***

*Reading **40 questions in 35 min***

*Science (graph reading and understanding info given) **40 questions in 35 min.***

*Writing (optional) (similar to SAT format, argument based on topic and POVs given) **1 essay in 40 min.***

How is it graded?

Long story I forgot

Speed isn't always the answer, speed and accuracy. Questions from easiest to hardest, GET THE EASY QUESTIONS RIGHT FIRST, 1st 20-30 better be alright, checked and everything. Its okay if you don't get to the end because if you get at least a quarter of those right you will get a high score. Their all the same point anyway so don't stress.

English

Grammar, not everyone likes it but you have to be on point. EVEN IF IT SOUNDS RIGHT OUT LOUD DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS CORRECT, THEY KNOW THIS AND WILL USE IT TO TRICK YOU.

- ☐ Do not waste time reading the whole text!
 - ☐ Read the sentence where they are asking you to analyze and make changes
 - ☐ If you need more information read the sentences around it
 - ☐ You see that **no changes** choice, analyze why it might need or might not need to change
 - ☐ Is it the grammar rule?
 - ☐ The information or content?

- ☐ The ways it was said?
- ☐ If it needs to change, and the answer choices are basically the same as that, it is most likely not the answer
- ☐ Answer and move on
- ☐ **YOU MUST HAVE A GRAMMATICAL, OR STYLE REASON FOR YOUR ANSWER NOT JUST BECAUSE IT FEELS RIGHT**
- ☐ Important grammar rules to go over
 - ☐ Commas (We loves commas but more does not mean well)
 - ☐ ; : -
 - ☐ past , present, future tense
 - ☐ Vocabulary/context
 - ☐ The less words the better (sentence gets point across but in less words)
 - ☐ The better the style of the writing the most likely it is to be the answer
 - ☐ More to come

Math

The first 20 problems better be checked and correct, next 20 should be done with best accuracy, don't sweat if that's all you get to as long as its correct. Remember almost every problem can be done without a calcs, so know if the calc will help or slow you down, especially for the first 25.

- ☐ "Hacking problems"
 - ☐ If a question has exponents in the question and answer and did not assign them a number. Guess what?
 - ☐ 0,1,2,3,4, any number, use it for those variable
 - ☐ Instead of solving algebraically **WHICH THEY EXPECT AND HAVE AN ANSWER THEY KNOW YOU WILL THINK IS CORRECT**
 - ☐ Plug in your chosen #s in the question, and the answer choices.
 - ☐ Does B = the question answer from what you plugged in? Not so fast, do every problem because **CHANCES ARE ANOTHER PROBLEM WILL ALSO BE = to the question answer**
 - ☐ Plug in a different #! To the question and choices remaining And BAM
 - ☐ When you are checking or finding answers (especially with plugging in) start checking with C
 - ☐ Is the number over or under what you need? Well the answer choices are probably from least to greatest

- ☐ You need an answer for less, continue checking from C to B
- ☐ Need a greater #, go from C to D
- ☐ If you know it will not be B or D just skip straight to A or E
- ☐ Triangles? Use Mr Z's trick!
- ☐ SOH CAH TOAH
- ☐ Math to go over in order of importance
 - ☐ GEOMETRY
 - ☐ TRIG
 - ☐ ALGEBRA

Reading

READ READ READDDDD, doesn't matter what topic, just get used to it so you can get better and faster at getting the information.

- ☐ You are not gonna remember much if you read the whole article and then answer the question and then have to go back.
 - ☐ Annotate as you read so that it doesn't go in one side of the brain out the other,
 - ☐ Do it by parts, read 1st 3 paragraphs, answer Qs related and move on reading the next parts and answering the question
 - ☐ Read 5 Qs first, read, answer the questions, read other section of Q read what you need answer and so on
 - ☐ Remember THE ANSWER IS IN THE STORY
 - ☐ Process of elimination

Science

You need basic knowledge of biology, chem, physics, ect. If you know you are better at this topic start with it. This is just reading graphs, statements.

- ☐ Parts to do for better accuracy and avoid because no time
 - ☐ Avoid the fighting scientist, where multy different POV on results and it just takes a while skip it, if you have time come back to it.
 - ☐ You do not have to read everything, just the little summary on top to know what is going on and move on to the questions
 - ☐ The question tells you to go to graph 5, go to it
 - ☐ Use the process of elimination