

HS Virtual Challenge Meets

Rules, Grading, Scoring, Tie-breakers, and Clarifications Page

Accounting- Clarifications

- 60 Minute Time Limit
- Scoring – five points for each correct answer, no penalty for wrong answers. Maximum score **BEFORE** the bonus is **400**
- Bonus points given for starred problems...one star = 1 point, two stars = 2 points, etc. Add the Bonus Points to the test score for the **FINAL** score to post.
- Simple 4-function calculator only
- Accounting has no tie-breaker

Calculator – Clarifications

- 30 Minute Time Limit
- Skips, incorrect answers are the same.
- Answers formats and variations that are counted correct are listed on the Cover Page. Maximum of **350** points
- To compute the score, draw a line after the last problem attempted
- Multiply that by 5...that's the earned points.
- Count all the skips and incorrect answers up to and including the last problem attempted
- Multiply that by 7...that's the penalty points (you are taking back the 5 earned points and penalizing them (-2), that's why it's 7...just makes the scoring easier).
- Subtract the penalty points from the earned points and that is their score. Example: Johnny gets to 60, but misses/skips 18 problems
 $(60)(5) = 300$; $(7)(18) = 126$; $300 - 126 = 174$. Their score is 174.
- If they got the correct answer on the SD problem (if there is one), but did not get the significant digits, you must subtract two points from their score (see example in tiebreaker for more details...works the same way).
- Note: if you can read it, count it correct...unlike NS, they can markover.

Calculator Tiebreaker

- Add all of the stated and geometry problems that are correct and multiply that total by **five**.
- If they got the correct answer on the SD problem (if there is one), but did not get the significant digits, you must subtract two points from their tie-breaker total.
- Example: Johnny got 13 Stated and Geometry problems correct, including the SD problem.
 $(13)(5) = 65$. However, he did not get the significant digits, so you subtract 2 points.
- $65 - 2 = 63$; Johnny's tie-breaker score is 63.

VCM Copy Editing—Quick Start Guide

Conducting the Contest

- I. Students have only 15 minutes.
- II. Students may refer to a printed “AP Stylebook” and a dictionary. NO web-based resources are allowed.
- III. For part 1, students simply circle the correct choice.
- IV. For part 2, students should edit the sentences using clearly understood proofreading marks. They are not required to use the recommended marks.
- V. On part 2, students should make four, and only four, corrections to each sentence.

Grading the Contest

- I. For part 1, each correct item earns one point.
- II. For part 2, the student’s intent must be clear. If the grader cannot confidently say that the student intended a particular correction, it should not be given credit.
- III. Give credit only for the first four marks. A fifth (or subsequent) correction cannot be awarded points, even if it’s right.
- IV. Each correction on part 2 is now worth 1 point, for a total of 4 pts. per sentence. Circle the correct number of points earned in each sentence in the scoring area to the left of each item.
- V. If the grader thinks there is an error on the Key, or if a student has made a seemingly valid correction that is not on the Key, email Chuck Thompson (cthompson1313@gmail.com) to follow VCM procedures for a Key Challenge, **DO NOT** make any unverified changes to the Key.
- VI. The student’s final score is a total of Part 1 and Part 2. A perfect score is **35** (15 pts. on Part 1 + 20 pts on Part 2).
- VII. Unlike the VCM Copy Editing Test, the UIL Copy Editing Test includes a mandatory tiebreaker. See the UIL Journalism Handbook and the UIL website for more information.

Computer Science – Clarifications

- 45 Minute Time Limit
- Correct answers are worth **6** points; Incorrect answers are worth **(-2)** points.
- No penalty for answers left unanswered. Maximum of **240** points
- The tiebreaker is percent accuracy
- Divide the number they got correct by the number they attempted...that will be a decimal
- Move the decimal two places to the right to convert to a percent
- Round to the nearest tenth.
- Example: Johnny attempts 24 problems and gets 9 correct & 15 incorrect.
- $9 \text{ divided by } 24 = .375$
- Move the decimal two places to the right = 37.5, therefore Johnny's Score is **24** (54-30) and his tie-breaker score is **37.5**

*******NEW UIL & VCM CURRENT EVENTS SCORING – PLEASE READ!!!!!!!!!!*******

- 60 Minute Time Limit
- No essay
- **2** points for each correct answer. Maximum of **80** points.
- No penalty for incorrect answers.
- No tiebreaker

Literary Criticism – Clarifications

- 90 Minute Time Limit
- Correct answers are worth either 1 or 2 points based on the section the question is in. Maximum of **100** points
- No tiebreaker
- No essay.

Mathematics – Clarifications

- 40 Minute Time Limit
- Correct answers are worth **6** points; Incorrect answers are worth **(-2)** points. (Same as Computer Science scoring)
- No penalty for answers left unanswered. Maximum of **360** points
- The tiebreaker is percent accuracy
- To calculate the tiebreaker, divide the number they got correct by the number they attempted...that will be a decimal
- Move the decimal two places to the right to convert to a percent
- Round to the nearest tenth.
- Example: Johnny attempts 24 problems, gets 15 correct and misses 9; $15 \times 6 = 90$, $9 \times 2 = 18$, $90 - 18 = 72$. His score is **72**.
- 15 divided by $24 = .625$
- Move the decimal two places to the right = 62.5 , therefore Johnny's tie-breaker score is **62.5**

Number Sense – Clarifications

- 10 Minute Time Limit
- Skips, incorrect answers, markovers are all the same. NS has lots of grading directives. They are explained in the UIL NS Handbook. Please follow them all.
- To compute the score, draw a line after the last problem attempted
- Multiply that by 5...that's the earned points.
- Count all the skips, incorrect answers and markovers up to and including the last problem attempted
- Multiply that by 9...that's the penalty points (you are taking back the 5 earned points and penalizing them (-4), that's why it's 9...just makes the scoring easier)..
- Subtract the penalty points from the earned points and that is their score.
- Example: Johnny gets to 30, but misses/skips/markovers 7 problems $(30)(5) = 150$; $(7)(9) = 63$; $150 - 63 = 87$. Their score is 87.
- No tiebreaker. Maximum of **400** points

More NS details on next two pages

NUMBER SENSE:

DETAILED RULES, GRADING TIPS, AND SCORING PROCEDURES

- Showing your work, markouts, erasures, or overwrites will result in an error or disqualification.
- Numbers written under the line are considered errors.
- Skipped problems, incorrect answers, writeovers and illegible numbers are all considered errors.
- **ALL NUMBER SENSE ANSWERS ARE NUMERICAL ONLY!!!**
- **DO NOT** include **ANY** symbols ($\$$, $\%$, $\sqrt{\quad}$, π , etc) in your answer, they will be considered an extraneous mark.
- Commas are allowed, but **MUST** be in correct place, so teach them not to put commas.
- Money answers must have dollars and cents. 14 dollars is written 14.00
- On non-money answers, leading zeros (0.4) and zeros after the decimal (4.0) are not allowed and are considered extraneous marks
- Some problems have the form the answer must be in stated after the answer blank. Answers **MUST** be in that form. **The only form(s) that answers can be written in are the ones listed on the Key.**
- Exponentials and roots must be written out into their full number form. 8^3 must be written 512, and $\sqrt{16}$ must be written as 4.
- Fractions must be reduced to their lowest terms.
- Starred problems are approximate answers and must be **INTEGERS** that are within 5% of the correct answer in either direction (the range will be given on the Key).
- Each correct answer is 5 points.
- Each skipped or missed problem is penalized 4 points.

NUMBER SENSE:

GRADING A NUMBER SENSE TEST

- 10 Minute Time Limit
- To compute the score, draw a line after the last problem attempted
- Multiply that by 5...that's the earned points.
- Count all the skips, incorrect answers and markovers up to and including the last problem attempted.
- Multiply that by 9...that's the penalty points (you are taking back the 5 earned points and penalizing them (-4), that's why it's 9...just makes the scoring easier)
- Subtract the penalty points from the earned points and that is their score.
- Example: Bob gets to 30, but misses/skips/markovers 7 problems.
- $(30)(5) = 150$; $(7)(9) = 63$
- $150 - 63 = 87$. Bob's score is 87
- No tiebreaker. Maximum of 400 points

Science - Clarifications

- 120 Minute Time Limit
- 6 points for correct answer, -2 for wrong answer and nothing if they leave it blank. (Same as Computer Science and Mathematics except you do it for each section separately)
- When you enter your student's scores, you enter the Biology, Chemistry and Physics scores separately. Maximum in each section is **120** points.
- The program will total their score.

Tiebreaker

- The tiebreaker is the percent accuracy on the **ENTIRE** test
- Divide the number they got correct by the number they attempted...that will be a decimal
- Move the decimal two places to the right to convert to a percent
- Round to the nearest tenth.
- Example: Johnny got 9 out of 24 questions correct; 9 divided by 24 is .375, which is 37.5 %, so I would enter 37.5

Social Studies-Clarifications

- 90 Minute Time Limit
- Correct answers are worth either 1, 2 or 3 points based on the section the question is in. Maximum of **80** points.
- No essay
- No tiebreaker

Spelling – Clarifications

- 15 minutes TOTAL for 1A & 1B together. (30 questions, each correct answer is worth 1 point, a total of 30 points available for 1A & 1B together).
- We have provided an audio pronouncer file. It will pronounce all 70 words and their definitions at the proper speed. 70 points available for Part II.
- Spelling has lots of directives for grading. They are all listed on the Pronouncer/Grader document. Please follow them all exactly. Maximum score is **100**
- We will be using the tiebreaker (20 words)...enter that number **SEPARATELY** in the tiebreaker slot