

The Middle School Virtual Challenge Meets Scoring, Tie-breaker and Clarifications Page

Calculator – Clarifications

- 30 Minute Time Limit
- ****Students may use any silent, hand-held calculator that does not require auxiliary electric power. The calculator data and program memory should be cleared prior to the contest; students may not use pre-recorded programs during the contest.**
- Skips, incorrect answers are the same.
- Answers formats and variations that are counted correct are listed on the Cover Page.
- 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 9...that's the penalty points. (this is different from the HS scoring which is only a (-7) for each skip or miss)
- Subtract the penalty points from the earned points and that is their score. Example: Johnny gets to 60, but misses/skips 18 problems $(60)(5) = 300$; $(9)(18) = 162$; $300 - 162 = 138$. Johnny's score is **138**.
- Note: if you can read it, count it correct...unlike NS, they can markover.

Dictionary Skills – Clarifications

- 20 Minute Time Limit
- 40 Total Questions
- 3 points for each correct answer.
- 2 points subtracted for each incorrect attempted answer
- No penalty for skipped questions.
- Example: Johnny attempts 36 questions, getting 24 correct and 12 incorrect. $(24 \times 3 = 72)$; $(12 \times 2 = 24)$; $72 - 24 = 48$. Johnny's score is **48**.
- No tiebreaker

Listening Skills – Clarifications

- 10 Minutes to read the Script; 10 Time Limit on Test
- 25 Total Questions.
- 3 points for each correct answer.
- 2 points subtracted for each incorrect attempted answer
- No penalty for skipped questions.
- Example: Johnny attempts 20 questions, getting 16 correct and 4 incorrect. ($16 \times 3 = 48$; $4 \times 2 = 8$; $48 - 8 = 40$). Johnny's score is **40**.
- No tiebreaker

Mathematics – Clarifications

- 30 Minute Time Limit
- 50 Total Questions
- 5 points for each correct answer.
- 2 points subtracted for each incorrect attempted answer
- No penalty for skipped questions.
- Example: Johnny attempts 30 questions, getting 22 correct and 8 incorrect. ($22 \times 5 = 110$; $8 \times 2 = 16$; $110 - 16 = 94$). Johnny's score is **94**.
- No Calculators.
- No tiebreaker

Number Sense – Clarifications

- 10 Minute Time Limit
- 80 Total Questions
- Skips, incorrect answers, markovers are all the same
- 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.
- 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 Calculators or scratch paper. ALL calculations must be done mentally.
- No tiebreaker

Science – Clarifications

- 45 Minute Time Limit
- 50 Total Questions
- 5 points for each correct answer.
- 2 points subtracted for each incorrect attempted answer
- No penalty for skipped questions.
- Example: Johnny attempts 25 questions, getting 17 correct and 8 incorrect. $(17 \times 5 = 85)$; $(8 \times 2 = 16)$; $85 - 16 = 69$. Johnny's score is **69**
- **No calculators.**
- No tiebreaker

Social Studies-Clarifications

- 30 Minute Time Limit
- 40 Total Questions
- 3 points for each correct answer.
- 2 points subtracted for each incorrect attempted answer
- No penalty for skipped questions.
- Example: Johnny attempts 30 questions, getting 26 correct and 4 incorrect. ($26 \times 3 = 78$; $4 \times 2 = 8$; $78 - 8 = 70$). Johnny's score is **70**.
- No tiebreaker

Maps, Graphs & Charts - Clarifications

- 45 Minute Time Limit
- 75 Total Questions
- 3 points for each correct answer.
- 2 points subtracted for each incorrect attempted answer
- No penalty for skipped questions.
- Example: Johnny attempts 30 questions, getting 26 correct and 4 incorrect. ($26 \times 3 = 78$; $4 \times 2 = 8$; $78 - 8 = 70$). Johnny's score is **70**.
- No tiebreaker

Spelling – Clarifications

- 30 Minute Time Limit for 3/4 Spelling Test, **50 Word Test, 15 Word Tie-breaker.**
- 45 Minute Time Limit for 5/6 Spelling Test, **80 Word Test, 20 Word Tie-breaker.**
- 60 Minute Time Limit for 7/8 Spelling Test, **110 Word Test, 30 Word Tie-breaker.**
- Each correctly spelled word is worth 1 point. **We will be using the tiebreaker.** Enter that number in the tiebreaker slot after the score.