

Test tips and technique

Before the test

- 1 When you revise, try revising a 'little and often' rather than in long sessions.
- 2 Learn your multiplication facts up to 10×10 so that you can recall them instantly. These are your tools for performing your calculations.
- 3 Revise with a friend. You can encourage and learn from each other.
- 4 Get a good night's sleep the night before.
- 5 Make sure you have breakfast!
- 6 Be prepared – bring your own pens and pencils and wear a watch to check the time as you go.

During the test

- 1 Don't rush the first few questions. These tend to be quite straightforward, so don't make any silly mistakes.
- 2 As you know by now, **READ THE QUESTION THEN READ IT AGAIN.**
- 3 If you get stuck, don't linger on the same question – move on! You can come back to it later.
- 4 Never leave a multiple choice question. Guess if you really can't work out the answer.
- 5 Check to see how many marks a question is worth. Have you 'earned' those marks with your answer?
- 6 Check your answers after each question. You can use the inverse method or the rounding method. Does your answer look correct?

- 7 Be aware of the time. After 20 minutes, check to see how far you have got.
- 8 Try to leave a couple of minutes at the end to read through what you have written.
- 9 Always show your method. You may get a mark for showing you have gone through the correct procedure even if your answer is wrong.
- 10 Don't leave any questions unanswered. In the two minutes you have left yourself at the end, make an educated guess at the questions you really couldn't do.
- 11 Remember, as long as you have done your best, nobody can ask for more. Only you will know if that is the case.

Things to remember

- 1 Don't panic! If you see a difficult question, take your time, re-read it and have a go!
- 2 Check every question and every page to be sure you don't miss any! Some questions will want two answers.
- 3 If a question is about measuring, always write in the UNIT of MEASUREMENT (e.g. cm, l, kg).
- 4 Don't be afraid to ask a teacher for anything you need, such as tracing paper or a protractor.
- 5 Write neatly – if you want to change an answer, put a line through it and write beside the answer box.
- 6 Always double-check your answers.

Good luck!