



MISSION COLLEGE MATH PLACEMENT (Student Guide)

MDTP – Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project

Purpose of the Tests

The Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project (MDTP) is an assessment instrument for community college students for placement into mathematical classes. The California State University, the University of California, and the California Academic Partnership Program wrote this test.

The MDTP consists of two tests: Algebra Readiness Test, and the Pre-Calculus Diagnostic Test.

When and Where the Tests Are Given

An Assessment Schedule can be picked up in the Assessment Office, room E1-101, and in the Counseling Office, room E1-301. Tests are given at various locations on campus; please locate the testing room before the day of the test. Do not arrive late for a testing session, you will not be admitted.

What to Take With You on Test Day

Please bring your Mission College ID Card, or if you do not have that please bring any form of picture ID and your Social Security Card. There is no charge to students taking the test.

Special Arrangements for Disabled Students

If you have a disability that will prevent you from taking the test under standard conditions, you may request special accommodations. Please contact the Disability Instructional Support Center (DISC) at (408) 855-5085 or TTY (408) 727-9243 to schedule and appointment.

Testing Regulations

Notebooks, dictionaries, calculators, cell phones, pagers and PDA's are not allowed in the testing room. Furthermore, anyone who gives or receives help during the test will not be permitted to continue the test. Following the test period, no test material or notes may be removed from the room. Your college will cancel any test score if there is reason to question its validity.

Test Scores

Your score will be based on the number of questions you answer correctly. No points will be subtracted for wrong answers. Mark only one answer for each question. You should answer as many questions as you can, regardless of how sure you are of the answer.

Test Results

Results will be available in the Counseling Office 48 hours after the exam. Current picture identification is required when picking up test results. No results will be given over phone or via email.

Description of the Tests

Algebra Readiness Test

This test consists of 50 questions, administered in 45 minutes. This test is designed to assess your mathematical preparedness for a beginning algebra course. Calculators are not needed and may not be used in this test.

Elementary Algebra Test

This test consists of 50 questions, administered in 45 minutes. This test is designed to assess your mathematical preparedness for a subsequent algebra courses. Calculators are not needed and may not be used in this test.

Intermediate Algebra Test

This test consists of 45 questions, administered in 45 minutes. This test is designed to assess your mathematical preparedness for subsequent math courses. Calculators are not needed and may not be used in this test.

Pre-Calculus Diagnostic Test

This test consists of 60 questions, administered in 90 minutes. This test is designed to assess your mathematical preparedness for subsequent calculus courses. Calculators are not needed and may not be used in this test.