

How Do I Prepare?

Review basic concepts in each of the subject areas before the test. Links to Accuplacer study materials and practice tests are available at mstc.edu/admissionstest.htm.

The computer-based, multiple-choice tests are not timed but usually take between 2 and 2 1/2 hours to complete.

Call or visit an Academic Support Center (ASC) for assistance with preparation.

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More practice questions are available online at mstc.edu/admissionstest.htm

Please note: Internet access is available at MSTC sites and area libraries.



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Accuplacer Information



What is Accuplacer?

Accuplacer is a series of computer-based tests which assess your skill level in the following areas:

- **Reading Comprehension** measures your understanding of what you read.
- **Sentence Skills** measure your understanding of how sentences are put together and what makes a sentence complete and clear.
- **Arithmetic** measures your ability to perform basic arithmetic operations and solve problems that involve fundamental concepts.
- **Elementary Algebra** measures your ability to solve complex mathematical problems which require critical thinking skills.

(Accuplacer consists of 12-20 multiple choice questions in each area.)

How Do I Take Accuplacer?

High School Students

Check with your guidance counselor to see if Accuplacer is available at your high school.

All Other Students

Call the MSTC campus nearest you.

What Do I Need to Bring?

\$10 test fee ~ Photo I.D. ~ Social Security #

Effective 5/1/11, test fee \$20

What Do My Results Mean?

Your score is an estimate of how many questions you could expect to answer correctly if you took a test comprised of 120 questions rather than the 12 to 20 questions in each test.

The percentile rank compares your score with the scores of students entering college who completed tests composed of similar questions.

Sample Reading Comprehension Questions

Sentence Relationships

Two bold sentences are followed by a question or statement about them. Read each sentence and then choose the best answer to the question or the best completion of the statement.

The Midwest is experiencing its worst drought in fifteen years.

Corn and soybean prices are expected to be very high this year.

What does the second sentence do?

- A. It restates the idea found in the first.
- B. It states an effect.
- C. It gives an example.
- D. It analyzes the statement made in the first.

Answer: B

Narration

Read the statement or passage and then choose the best answer to the question.

There are two types of pottery that I do. There is production pottery—mugs, tableware, the kinds of things that sell easily. These pay for my time to do the other work, which is more creative and satisfies my needs as an artist.

The author of the passage implies that

- A. Artists have a tendency to waste valuable time.
- B. Creativity and mass-production are incompatible.
- C. Most people do not appreciate good art.
- D. Pottery is not produced by creative artists.

Answer: B

Sample Sentence Skills Questions

Sentence Correction

Select the best version of the bold part of the sentence. The first choice is the same as the original sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

Ms. Rose **planning** to teach a course in biology next summer.

- A. planning
- B. are planning
- C. with a plan
- D. plans

Answer: D

Construction Shift

Rewrite the sentence in your head, following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

Being a female jockey, she was often interviewed.

Rewrite beginning with She was often interviewed...

The next words will be

- A. on account of she was
- B. by her being
- C. because she was
- D. being as she was

Answer: C

Sample Arithmetic Questions

Arithmetic

Solve the following problems and choose your answer from the alternatives given.

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- A. 0.035 B. 2.858 C. 0.35 D. 3.5

Answer: C

A soccer team played 160 games and won 65 percent of them. How many games did the team win?

- A. 94 B. 104 C. 114 D. 124

Answer: B

Sample Elementary Algebra Questions

Algebra

If a number is divided by 4, and then 3 is subtracted, the result is 0. What is the number?

- A. 12 B. 4 C. 3 D. 2

Answer: A

Simplify the following: $16x-8$

- A. $8x$ B. $8(2x-x)$ C. $8(2x-1)$ D. $8(2x-8)$

Answer: C