



The Betty East Tutoring Center at Victoria College

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TSI Strategies

Before the Exam:

- Get a good night's sleep the night before. The test is long and tiring, especially if you choose to take all three tests at once.
- Eat a normal breakfast and drink your usual caffeine. Eating and drinking more or less than you usually do can make you sluggish or jittery. No snacks or beverages are allowed in the testing room, but you may take short breaks to have a snack in the lobby.
- *Your seat may not be held for you if you are late.* Get up early and arrive at the Testing Center a little before 8:00 a.m. so that you can find your room and seat assignment without feeling rushed.
- *Bring your ID.* You must bring a valid, current photo ID to be admitted in the Testing Center.
- Any personal belongings, including your phone, wallet, hats, sunglasses, and lanyards must be placed in the bag the Testing Center provides you. *If your phone makes any sound, you will be dismissed.*
- *Do not bring your children.* VC policy does not allow children on campus, as they distract from the learning environment.

Testing Procedure:

- Gum and mints are great ways to “treat” yourself between sections of the test and will help you stay alert.
- *The TSI is a computer exam.* You will be assigned to a computer station when you arrive. The Testing Center will provide you with an ID to enter when you logon. Do not use any other school ID you may have.
- You will be provided with scratch paper and No. 2 pencils, do not bring your own.
- *You do not have to take all three sections of the TSI at once.* You may resume your test within two weeks.
- *The TSI is an untimed test.* Be calm and don't rush. It is better to do one or two sections than to rush through all three parts. Do not panic if someone finishes and leaves before you. Everyone tests at a different pace.
- *Each question is weighted differently.* This means that everyone's score is personalized to their skill level. Be sure to read the detailed score review on your printed score sheet to see specific areas you can improve on.
- *Do not bring a calculator.* Not every math question allows the use of a calculator. If you are allowed to use a calculator on a particular test, one will pop up on your computer. If you access any calculator, such as through your phone, the computer desktop, or the Internet, *you will be dismissed.*