Writing Your Own Practice Test
Math 85

Create, take, and turn in a practice test using the guidelines below.

1. Writing the test
   a. Record each objective for each section of the chapter.
   b. For each section, write a question corresponding to the section’s objectives. This question could come from the assigned exercises, the reading section in the textbook, your notes, or the chapter review or practice exam.
   c. Be sure to include questions from your notes that you flagged as possible test questions.
   d. Write down the directions for each question.
   e. Select problems that you have the answers to so you can check your answers after you take the practice test.

2. Approximate length of the test
   a. Ask the teacher how many questions will be on the test.
   b. Take this number and divide it by the number of sections that you are being tested on.
   c. Choose approximately this number of questions per section for your list of questions.

3. Taking the test
   a. Take the practice test as you will take the actual test. If you can’t use a calculator on the actual test, don’t use it on the practice test. If the actual test is closed book, then don’t use your book or notes.
   b. Write neatly and show all your work.
   c. When you have completely finished, check your answers.
   d. Evaluate the types of mistakes that were made.
   e. Take time for additional study of concepts that were missed and practice more problems of that type until you master them.
   f. Rearrange the practice test problems in random order and retake the test.
   g. Continue to take the test in its entirety until you score 100%.