

All rules in Section 209 apply to this contest.

- A. NATURE OF THE CONTEST. The 60-minute test will consist of 60 multiple choice and true/false questions. There are three (3) parts to the test that include reading, writing, and spelling components.
- B. CONDUCTING THE CONTEST
1. *Reading the Contest Instructions.* The contest director will read the following directions exactly as they are printed:
 - a. ***No Cell Phones or other electronic devices allowed in testing room.***
 - b. Put your name, school, and school classification in the directed place on your test and answer sheet. Failure to put your name and school will result in disqualification. (Allow time for this to be done).
 - c. Indicate your answers using capital letters on the appropriate blank provided on the answer sheet. If a Scantron is used, mark your answers in the appropriate spaces. Only a #2 pencil may be used for Scantron cards. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Clean erasures are necessary for accurate Scantron grading.
 - d. Keep your papers closed until told to do otherwise; this is particularly important while test papers are being distributed and before the signal to begin has been given.
 - e. During the test, no questions may be asked or answered. The contestant talking or making distracting noises may be disqualified.
 - f. Leaving the room with any contest materials will result in disqualification.
 - g. Transferring information concerning this test to other contestants or coaches is a violation of the Academic Meet Code and subject to penalties up to and including disqualification.
 - h. You have 90 minutes for this test. If you are in the process of writing down an answer, you may finish; you may not do additional work on a test question.
 - i. You will receive plus six points for each correct answer and two points shall be deducted for an incorrect answer. No points will be given or subtracted for unanswered questions.
 - j. If you finish the test before the end of the allotted time, you may leave the room quietly. No talking or distracting noises will be permitted. Turn in all test materials as you leave.
 - k. You will not be allowed the use of textbooks or other reference sources during the contest.
 2. *Start and Stop Signals.* Exactly 60 minutes after the start signal was given, announce that time has expired and that contestants must turn in their test and answer sheet. If contestants are in the process of writing down an answer, they may finish; they may not do additional work on a test question.
 3. *Grading the Contest.* Each contestant shall be awarded six points for each question answered correctly and two points shall be deducted for an incorrect answer. No points will be given or subtracted for unanswered questions.
 4. *There is no tie-breaker.*