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PMU PLACEMNET TEST – SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The **PMU Placement Test** is offered as a computerized version in the Testing Lab. The test consists of two main categories: **English and math**. After the examination, you may be scheduled for an interview.

A- ENGLISH:

The English test is divided into **3** sections: Listening, Structure and Word Form, and Reading Comprehension. The questions are multiple choice.

- **I. Listening Comprehension**

The listening section will measure your ability to understand conversation and spoken English. You will hear a story two times and you will be asked to take notes. Then, you will answer 10 questions.

[20 Minutes]

- **II. Structure and Word Form [25 Minutes]**

This section consists of two parts:

1. Sentence Structure: this part is made up of 13 multiple choice questions on grammar which measure your English knowledge.

EXAMPLE

They had B fun on their trip to Jeddah.

- (A) *too much*
- (B) *so much*
- (C) *a lot*
- (D) *really*

2. Structure and Word Form: this part is made up of 7 multiple choice questions. You will see sentences with 4 underlined words. One of these is NOT correct. Select the incorrect answer by clicking it.

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EXAMPLE

Not Good English

Winter nights in the desert can often be coldly, wet, and windy.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

• **III. Reading Comprehension**

This section contains a passage followed by 20 multiple choice questions. You will be tested on understanding the main idea, vocabulary in context, and reference pronouns. **[50 Minutes]**

EXAMPLE

The prolific author William Shakespeare wrote several tragedies and comedies. However, many people don't know that he also contributed many new words to the English language. At a time when the average person's _____ in England was less than 500 words, Shakespeare's was estimated at 21,000.

- a) jokes
- b) vocabulary
- c) comedies
- d) words

• **IV. Writing**

Writing will not be included in the computer test, but it will be given as a part of the interview process. You can choose one of two topics. **[30 Minutes]**

How should you prepare?

Preparation is a key element in passing any exam. We are providing you with a list of items that will help you prepare for this test. Make sure you spend some time reviewing them before you take the test.

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Items to be reviewed before the English exam:

- Simple Present – Simple Past – Present Perfect – Auxiliaries (has/have) – Past Passive – If - Conditionals – **Clauses** (dependant and independent) – Gerunds and Infinitives – Superlatives – Expressions of Quantity ‘many’ and ‘much’ – Adjectives and Adverbs (parts of speech) – Compound Verbs - Articles

The Computerized Testing test dates and times are Saturday thru Wednesday from 9:00 – 3:00. After completing the application and paying the application fee, you will be contacted and given your placement test date, time, and place.

B- MATH:

Elementary Algebra Placement Test:

This test will be given to all students who have been admitted to the PMU.

The test consists of 45 questions that cover the following subjects:

1. Operation on real numbers (numerical calculation)
2. Percentage and proportional.
3. Rational expression
4. Linear equations and inequalities
5. Polynomials and factoring polynomials
6. Equation f lines
7. Radicals
8. System of equations
9. Solving quadratic equations

Students who pass 65% and above will be advised to take either intermediate algebra or pre-calculus according to their major of study. Those who want to pursue their studies in business or interior design will take intermediate algebra, and others will take pre-calculus. A challenge process is available for intermediate or pre-calculus should students want to challenge.

Interview:

As a part of the admission process, all students will undergo an interview that will test their spoken and written English, and give them the opportunity to tell us more about themselves and their educational goals.