Erwin Technical Center
Sample TABE Test

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ERWIN’S TABE TESTING

- We administer the **TABE** (Test of Adult Basic Education) Survey, Level 9D, which meets the State of Florida requirements. **Students who have taken TABE within the last two years may not have to retest and should bring proof of test scores to Student Services for review. Test scores must be in a sealed envelope from the initial testing site.** Students with an Associate of Arts degree or higher from an acceptable, regionally accredited institution are exempt from TABE if proper documentation is provided. Passing TABE Test scores are required when submitting an international diploma or degree.

  - The test covers **Reading**, **Math**, and **Language** skills.
  - A photo ID and Social Security Number are requested (Florida ID is preferred).
  - Resident Alien numbers are needed if applicable.
  - **TABE** is divided into four sections and is a timed test:
    - Reading - 25 questions/25 minutes
    - Math Computations - 25 questions/15 minutes
    - Math Applications - 25 questions/25 minutes (Calculators will be provided by Erwin for this section only.)
    - Language - 25 questions/25 minutes
  - Our testing experience also includes information about Erwin’s admission process including completion of an Application for Admissions. **Expect to be in testing for 2 ½ - 3 hours.**
  - TABE results are provided the same day/evening as the test is given.
  - If desired scores are not met, help with skills is available.
  - There is a $3.00 testing fee assessed at the time of registration.

  *Children and escorts are not permitted for liability/safety reasons.*
  *Cell Phones are not permitted in the testing room.*

**Test Taking Tips**

- Read the directions for each section of the test.
- Plan your time well. Do not spend too much time on one question. You can return to it later if time permits in that specific section.
- If you skip a question, make sure that you answer the next one on the correct space on your answer sheet.
- If you are not sure of an answer, rule out the choices that you know are incorrect and then mark your best *educated* guess.
- There are no trick questions on TABE.
- Remember that the score you receive is only a measure of your current skills. YOU CANNOT FAIL THE TABE. Over 73% of students do not meet all of the basic skill requirements needed for their classes the first time they test. Many people have been out of school for a while and may need to brush up on skills. The TABE will help identify which skills need polishing.

*Looking for additional TABE test reviews? Try one of the following….*

- www.skillstutor.com
- www.testprepreview.com
- www.number2.com
- www.studygs.net
Reading

Mike Smith took a friend and his 13 year old daughter on a five day fishing trip to the Bahamas. They chartered a plane for the trip. About half way through the flight, the pilot anxiously called out, “We have a problem here. We’re going to have to go into the water.” They all managed to put on life jackets just before the plane hit the water.

Once in the water, they opened the hatch and climbed on the wing of the plane. Soon the plane slipped below the surface of the water and finally was out of sight. The guys took turns sleeping, and holding each other up in the water for the next three days. During this time, they sang songs, told stories and prayed. All four were dehydrated, cold, thirsty, hungry, and blistered but never did they lose hope that they would be rescued.

During this time, concerned family members had called the Coast Guard and were told that they had received a single “mayday” call. Coast Guard jets were combing the area. On the fourth day, a plane approached the men at sea. They flashed their Credit Cards in the direction of the plane, hoping to reflect enough sun to catch the pilot’s eye. The plane made several passes and dropped a smoke canister to mark their location. Four minutes later, a Coast Guard helicopter landed in the water beside them.

1. What word does not describe the men on third day?
   A. optimistic
   B. hostile
   C. famished
   D. parched

2. How did the pilot feel when he knew the plane would crash?
   F. angry
   G. troubled and uneasy
   H. curious
   J. tired and irritated

3. What is this passage mainly about?
   A. chartering a plane
   B. surviving a crash
   C. fishing in the Bahamas
   D. another use of credit cards

4. How did the Coast Guard first know where to look for the plane?
   F. The Coast Guard was contracted by the Bahamas.
   G. The Coast Guard saw the sun’s reflection from the credit cards.
   H. The Coast Guard was contacted by the pilot.
   J. The Coast Guard jets just happened to be in the area of the downed plane.

5. The word “mayday” in the passage means
   A. a yell
   B. an international distress signal
   C. a negative comment
   D. a term pilots use daily
## Math Computation

1. \(6 \frac{7}{8} - 3 \frac{3}{8} = \)  
   - A. 9 \(\frac{5}{8}\)  
   - B. 3 \(\frac{3}{8}\)  
   - C. 3½  
   - D. 9 \(\frac{1}{4}\)  

2. \(0.027 \times 6 = \)  
   - F. 0.621  
   - G. 0.126  
   - H. 0.162  
   - J. 0.216  

3. \(\frac{3}{4} ÷ 12 = \)  
   - A. \(\frac{6}{8}\)  
   - B. \(\frac{1}{16}\)  
   - C. \(\frac{1}{8}\)  
   - D. 9  

4. 45% of \(\Box\) = 90  
   - F. 40.5  
   - G. 45  
   - H. 20  
   - J. 200  

5. \(87 \times 68 = \)  
   - A. 4,916  
   - B. 9,416  
   - C. 5,916  
   - D. 9,515  

6. \(9.1 + 3.07 = \)  
   - F. 121.7  
   - G. .1217  
   - H. 1.217  
   - J. 12.17  

7. \$10.00 \) - .67 =  
   - A. \$9.43 \)  
   - B. \$9.34 \)  
   - C. \$8.33 \)  
   - D. \$9.33  

8. \(6 - 8 + (-4) = \)  
   - F. -10  
   - G. 6  
   - H. 18  
   - J. -6  

9. \(-\frac{112}{-14} = \)  
   - A. -8  
   - B. 8  
   - C. -.125  
   - D. .125  

10. \(\frac{2}{3} ÷ \frac{1}{8} = \)  
    - F. 4¼  
    - G. 5½  
    - H. 5¼  
    - J. 4½  

11. What percent of 80 = 96  
    - A. 125%  
    - B. 120%  
    - C. 83½ %  
    - D. 82½ %  

12. 35% of $12.60 =  
    - F. $2.24  
    - G. $4.41  
    - H. $0.36  
    - J. $4.00
Applied Math

1. In which of these pairs of numbers are both numbers equivalent to $\frac{3}{4}$?
   A. 34 %, 0.34
   B. 75 %, 0.75
   C. 25 %, 0.25
   D. 75 %, 0.075

2. How can 4 ounces be expressed in pounds?
   F. $\frac{3}{4}$
   G. $\frac{1}{2}$
   H. $\frac{1}{4}$
   J. $\frac{1}{8}$

3. In which pair of numbers would both numbers round to 8.22?
   A. 8.222 and 8.226
   B. 8.223 and 8.221
   C. 8.229 and 8.227
   D. 8.222 and 8.228

4. Which of these quadrilaterals has opposite parallel sides that are equal in length but not right angles?
   F. Trapezoid
   G. Square
   H. Rhombus
   J. Rectangle

5. Which of these numbers is the same as 1,456,400 rounded to the nearest ten thousand?
   A. 1,560,000
   B. 1,457,000
   C. 1,460,000
   D. 1,470,000
6. Which of these numbers should go in the box to make the equation true?

$$3(8) + 3(5 + 3) = \square \times (10 + 2)$$

F. 3  
G. 4  
H. 2  
J. 36

7. Mary must save a total of $390 for a new appliance. She has saved \( \frac{2}{3} \) of the amount. How much more money does she need to save for the appliance?

A. $130  
B. $260  
C. $120  
D. $78

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8. How many more calories are in a 3 ounce serving of lamb than a 3 ounce serving of ham?

F. 230  
G. 183  
H. 110  
J. 101

9. How many grams of protein are in a 3 ounce serving of beef?

A. 21  
B. 17  
C. 25  
D. 19
Language

CHOOSE THE SENTENCE THAT IS CORRECTLY AND CLEARLY WRITTEN.

1. A. The newspaper stated that he had been injured in the accident.
   B. That he had been injured in the accident.
   C. He had been injured in the accident that the newspaper stated.
   D. The newspaper, injured in the accident, stated that.

2. F. In two weeks, the committee scheduled the next meeting.
   G. The next meeting in two weeks, scheduled the committee.
   H. Scheduled in two weeks, the committee was next.
   J. The committee scheduled the next meeting in two weeks.

CHOOSE THE SENTENCE THAT BEST COMBINES THE UNDERLINED SENTENCES.

3. The senator was reelected for a third term.
The senator was highly praised by her constituents.

   A. The senator was elected and highly praised for a third term.
   B. For a third term, the senator was highly praised and reelected.
   C. The senator, highly praised by her constituents, was reelected for a third term.
   D. The senator was highly praised by her constituents and the senator was reelected for a third term.

FOR NUMBERS 4 THROUGH 7 READ THE PASSAGE AND LETTER AND LOOK AT THE NUMBERED, UNDERLINED PARTS. CHOOSE THE ANSWER THAT SHOWS THE BEST CAPITALIZATION AND PUNCTUATION FOR EACH PART.

Willie Mays, one of America’s most famous Baseball players, had an unusual nickname. He was from the state of Alabama and, as is the custom in the South, would characteristically greet people with “a Hey.” Willie’s greeting, combined with his youth and enthusiasm, quickly earned him the nickname of the “Say Hey Kid.”

4. F. famous baseball players,
   G. famous Baseball Players,
   H. Famous Baseball players,
   J. famous, baseball players,

5. A. and as is the custom in the south,
   B. and, as is the custom in the south
   C. and, as is the custom in the South,
   D. and, As is the custom in the South

6. F. a “Hey.”
   G. a “Hey”.
   H. A Hey!
   J. a Hey?

7. A. Willie’s greeting
   B. Willie’s greeting
   C. Willie’s greeting
   D. Correct as is
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