

Writing Your Own Practice Test

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%.