

38TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC DECATHLON

A Contest of Academic Strength

Providing academic competition to encourage, acknowledge and reward academic excellence through teamwork among students of all achievement levels.



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Since 1968, the Academic Decathlon has grown into the premier scholastic competition in America. The Academic Decathlon was created to provide opportunities for high school students to experience the challenges of rigorous team and individual competition. Designed to provide a forum for celebrating and acknowledging scholastic achievement and academic excellence in the context of a team environment, the Academic Decathlon provides high school students the opportunity to participate in an educational forum that fosters a deep respect for knowledge, cooperation, and self-esteem.

<http://www.academicdecathlon.org/round3teamreg.htm>

GENERAL INFORMATION

PREFACE

The Academic Decathlon (AD) is a team competition in academics for high school decathletes in grades nine through twelve. Academic Decathletes compete in teams of six to nine decathletes. AD involves decathletes of all levels of academic achievement; to ensure that the program is inclusive of decathletes of varying ability levels, AD requires that each team include at least two "A," or "honor" decathletes; two "B," or "scholastic" decathletes; and two "C" and below, or "varsity" decathletes.

CALCULATOR POLICY & ROSTER

1. If competitors wish to use calculators on the Mathematics Test, they are responsible for bringing them to the test. Calculators will not be provided for decathletes who do not bring their own. Calculator use is permitted only for Mathematics; competitors will not be allowed to use calculators on any other test.
2. Any graphing or scientific calculator that does not have a standard (QWERTY) keyboard (TI-92) or a Computer Algebra System (CAS) like a TI-89 may be used on the mathematics test only.
3. CAD no longer requires decathletes to clear the memory of their graphing calculators.
4. Teams will be required to submit a roster that lists the decathlete and the type of calculator, including all back-ups, s/he will be using in competition.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROCTORS

1. Before a decathlete enters the Arena Room:
 - a. Refer to the "Decathlete Conduct and Dress Code" for appropriate dress code.
 - b. Decathletes will be provided the appropriate test booklet, Scantron and pencil for testing.
 - c. A decathlete may have a watch or other style of timer in front of them so long as it does not distract other decathletes or make any noise. A personal timer is not the official timer.
 - d. Calculators may be used during the math test. (*Refer to the calculator policy for more details.*)
 - e. No other material is allowed in the testing arena unless it has been pre-approved by the competition staff. Decathletes are not to bring cell phones, beverages and snacks into the arena room.
2. Decathletes "must" sit in their designated seating assignment unless informed by the CAD staff.
3. Referring to the times shown in the Program, tests will be distributed to decathletes. Each test will be timed accurately. Each test is exactly 30 minutes in length, exclusive of time for directions. A 5 minute warning will be given before the end of each test.

ADDITIONAL POINTS

1. **Art Test.** CAD will continue with the traditional Art Test Format. CAD will not use slides as part of the objective tests.
2. **Music Test.** The first 12 questions are listening questions.

3. Adequate supplies of Number #2 pencils with erasers are available in your Supply Box. Decathletes must hold up broken pencils, so that they can be exchanged by a proctor.
4. Watches or other style of timer is permissible on the testing table so long as they make no noise. Besides watches (& calculators for Math, only), all other electronic devices are not allowed.
5. In the event a decathlete is guilty of severe infractions of good test-taking behavior, the proctor will note the decathlete's name and identification number and brief description of infraction. Immediately deliver the information to the Lead Proctor to inform the Competition Director of the infraction who will then determine the severity of the penalty, if any.
6. Decathletes are not allowed to leave the room except at scheduled breaks and in case of emergency. Decathletes will not be allowed back into the arena room until the next scheduled test if s/he needs to leave during an exam. Dismissals will be reported to the Lead Proctor immediately.

ARENA SCHEDULE

9:00 – 9:15 AM Entrance of Decathletes

1. Proctors should be assisting decathletes to their seats.
2. There should be no other people in the arena room besides volunteers, CAD staff, and decathletes.
3. Decathletes must be sitting in their designated seating assignment unless informed by CAD of special arrangements.
4. If Decathletes enter the arena room wearing caps with brims or dark shaded glasses they need to be asked to remove them and put them under their chairs.
5. An announcement will be made by the lead proctor to remind Decathletes they may not have cell phones, smart watches or music devices in the arena room. The devices must be walked out to coaches immediately, before testing begins.

9:15 – 9:20 AM Welcoming Statements by State Director

1. Coaches are welcome to be in the Arena Room during this time so long as they are in the back of the arena.
2. Coaches must leave the room before General Instructions are delivered to the decathletes.

9:20 – 9:30 AM General Instructions to Decathletes

The following instructions are to be read to the Decathletes:

1. The instructions I am about to read to you are applicable to all of the tests. Listen carefully to the directions.
2. Proctors will provide you with all the necessary testing materials for each test. No material except the appropriate test booklet, Scantron and pencil are allowed at the Decathletes testing area.
 - a. Calculators may be used during the “math” test, only.
 - b. Also, watches may be worn or placed on the testing area near you so long as they do not distract other decathletes and produce any noise. Official time will be kept by the Lead Proctor.
 - c. Absolutely no other electronic devices are allowed in the arena testing (including cellular phones, smart watches, music devices, etc..).
3. Each test is exactly 30 minutes in length, exclusive of time for directions.
4. A 5-minute warning will be given before the end of each test.
5. During testing, Proctors will regularly walk their section to make sure that proper test taking is occurring. In the event a decathlete is guilty of severe infraction of good test-taking behavior, a proctor will take the test booklet and the Scantron from the decathlete and notify the Test Center immediately.
6. DO NOT open your test booklets until told to do so by the Lead Proctor.
7. Decathletes, please verify your I.D. information and that you have the correct Scantron and Test Booklet.
8. On each test booklet you will find a "Certification Statement." You are to print your name and four-digit I.D. number on the designated line, and then sign and date the statement.
9. READ all of the printed directions in your test booklet. Read each question and the accompanying numbered answers before marking your answer sheet. When you have decided which answer is **correct, blacken in the corresponding** space on your answer sheet. If you change your mind, erase your first answer completely. Make no stray marks as they may count against you. Should you mark more than one answer, neither will be counted. You will receive no credit for unanswered questions. A dull pencil point will make a better mark than a very sharp one.
10. You will have 30 minutes for all other objective tests today. If you finish early, recheck your answers. Then close your booklet and wait quietly. Do not leave your seat.
11. Use your test booklet for scratch paper when needed.

12. Scoring is based on the number of correct answers. There is no penalty for guessing.
13. Before beginning each test, check through your test booklet to be sure the pages are in the correct order (1, 2, 3, etc.) and that there are 50 items to complete. The only exception is the Math test which has only 35 items.
14. Directions **will not be repeated** after a test has begun. A proctor may answer questions individually and quietly.
15. Raise your hand if you need assistance from a Proctor.
16. Decathletes are not allowed to leave the testing arena except at scheduled breaks and in case of an emergency. You will not be allowed back into the testing area until the next scheduled test. Decathletes will not be able to complete a test if they have to leave during a scheduled test.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH TESTING PERIOD

1. Once time is called you must have your test booklet closed with the "front cover facing up" and your completed Scantron on top of the test booklet.
2. The Proctors will collect the following:
 - a. The completed Scantrons in **numeric order** and place them in a designated envelope.
 - b. Test booklets in **numeric order** and place them in a designated envelope.
 - c. They will check for Completed "Certification Statement" on test booklets as they collect them.
 - d. Test booklets and completed Scantrons will be picked up immediately following each test period.
3. Are there any questions? [Look to see if any proctors need help. If not, then move on to the first test, Social Science.]

9:30 – 10:00 AM Test 1: Social Science (30 min)

1. The first test is Social Science. Decathletes, you may begin.

10:05 – 10:35 AM Test 2: Science (30 min)

1. [Follow same procedure as before]

10:40 – 10:50 AM Nutrition Break

1. Collect all Test Booklets and Scantrons before dismissing decathletes.
2. Dismiss Decathletes at 10:40 AM for break. Remind them to be back in their seats promptly at 10:50 AM.

10:50 – 10:55 AM Entrance of Decathletes

1. Proctors should be assisting decathletes to their seats.
2. There should be no other people in the arena room besides volunteers, CAD staff, and decathletes.
3. Decathletes must be sitting in their designated seating assignment unless informed by CAD of special arrangements.

11:00 – 11:05 AM Calculator Inspection / Review Policy

1. Decathletes place calculators on the table in front of you. We will walk by to inspect them.
2. If you have a backup calculator, it may not be used unless your primary calculator fails. After inspection, place your backup calculator on the floor beneath your seat.

11:05 – 11:35 AM Test 3: Math (30 min)

1. [Follow same procedure as before]

11:40 – 12:10 PM Test 4: Music (30 min)

1. [Follow same procedure as before]
2. Decathletes, the first 12 questions are listening questions. After the first 12 questions, continue with the remainder of the test questions on your own.

3. Time begins when the recording begins for the first question – not during the beginning instructions.
4. Decathletes, do not open your test booklet until you hear the recording say, “Question number 1.”

12:15 – 1:30 PM Decathlete Lunch

1. Remind Decathletes to report back promptly after lunch at **1:30 PM (Decathletes)**
2. Wait for pick-up of AM test boxes and Scantrons, and delivery of PM test boxes. Lead proctors will eat lunch in arena room.

12:30 – 1:20 PM Proctor Lunch

1. Lunch will be served to volunteers in the Carmel A/B room.
2. Remind proctors to report back to the arena room at **1:20 PM (Proctors)** to prepare for testing.

1:30 – 1:35 PM Entrance of Decathletes

1. Proctors assist decathletes to their seats.
2. There should be no other people in the arena room besides volunteers, CAD staff, and decathletes.
3. Decathletes must be sitting in their designated seating assignment unless informed by CAD of special arrangements.

1:45 – 2:15 PM Test 5: Economics (30 min)

1. [Follow same procedure as before]

2:20 – 2:50 PM Test 6: Literature (30 min)

1. [Follow same procedure as before]

2:55 – 3:25 PM Test 7: Art (30 min)

1. [Follow same procedure as before]

3:25 – 3:35 PM Closing Comments and Dismissal

1. Hold all Decathletes until all Scantrons, test booklets, and pencils have been collected.
2. Instruct Decathletes to remove their ID labels from the tables.
3. Instruct Decathletes to take the writing boards and place them in the blue crates at the doors as they exit the room.
4. Thank Decathletes for their cooperation and dismiss them.

3:35 – 3:45 PM Proctor Clean-up Instructions

1. Proctors please consolidate all materials into your test box – including your nametag.
2. Place all boxes as well as section signs and polls at the front of the room to the right of the stage.
3. Give your evaluation forms and badges to the Lead Proctor.

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DIRECTIONS

USE PENCIL ONLY

- MAKE DARK MARKS
- ERASE COMPLETELY TO CHANGE
- EX: A B C D E



STUDENT'S NAME _____

SUBJECT _____

ROOM NUMBER _____