Office Administration (OADM) Entrance Assessments

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Who would write an Office Administration (OADM) Entrance Assessment?
- A. Students wanting to register in the Office Assistant certificate, Administrative Assistant certificate, Accounting/Bookkeeping Assistant certificate, Medical Administrative Assistant, or either of the two Legal Administrative Assistant certificates who have not met the entrance requirements.
- Q. If I have Grade 11 English, but not Grade 11 math, do I have to write both tests?
- A. No, you would write only the section that you need (in this case, the math portion of the test).
- Q. What is the minimum passing percentage? What if I do not make that minimum on one test, but I do on the other? Can I rewrite?
- A. The minimum passing mark for all the OADM entrance exams is 70 percent. You may write the entrance assessment twice in one year. You need to rewrite only the parts that you do not pass the first time. If you do not pass the entrance assessment in two tries, we recommend you take some upgrading course(s) and then try the entrance assessment again the following year.
- Q. Does my mark determine my entrance placement into the program?
- A. Applicants are accepted into the program in order of the date the application was received. Your mark on the entrance assessment does NOT affect your standing for admittance. However, you must pass all portions of the assessment before you can be admitted to the program.

What tests do I need to write if I am interested in the Office Assistant Certificate program?

A. Please see the chart below. It lists the certificate programs as well as possible tests, depending what you provide as prerequisites or work experience.

| Program | English | Math |
|--|---------|------|
| Accounting/Bookkeeping Assistant (ABC) | Yes | Yes |
| Administrative Assistant (ADAC) | Yes | No |
| Legal Administrative Assistant (LAA) | Yes | No |
| Office Assistant (OAC) | Yes | No |
| Medical Administrative Assistant (MAA) | Yes | No |

Q. How do I arrange to write the tests I need?

Contact the OADM advisor, Adrienne Renaud, at arenaud@okanagan.bc.ca to arrange for testing. It can be done from your home.

Q. What kind of questions can I expect?

Please see the sample questions on the following pages.

ENGLISH

An English grammar and reading comprehension assessment which is composed of multiple choice questions on reading comprehension, spelling, word meanings, capitalization, number usage, punctuation and possessives. You have 1 hour to complete. Here are a few sample questions:

| Computers and robots are products of | Choose the correct replacement for the | |
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| modern: | underlined text. This hat doesnt fit. | |
| a. nuclear power | a. the underlined text is correct | |
| b. technology | b. doe'snt | |
| c. physics | c. does'nt | |
| | d. doesn't | |
| Choose the correct replacement for the | Which of the underlined words in the | |
| underlined text. Having missed the 8:05 bus | following 4 statements is spelled | |
| Alice sat down, and waited for the next one. | INCORRECTLY? | |
| a. the underlined text is correct | a. just <u>plane</u> toast | |
| b. bus; Alice sat down, | b. a string with a knot | |
| c. bus; Alice sat down | c. <u>chili</u> for dinner | |
| d. bus, Alice sat down | d. today's <u>lesson</u> | |
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| What is the correct form for the underlined | Your digits refer to your: | |
| possessive in the following sentence? Come | a. age | |
| back to see me in 3 days time. | b. fingers | |
| a. three days' time | c. heart | |
| b. three day's time | | |
| c. three days's time | | |
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| Make the following singular nouns plural: | Make the following words possessive: | |
| a. child | a. company | |
| b. mouse | b. companies | |
| c. moose | c. Ms. Smith | |
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| Change the verb to the indicated tense: | Correct any errors in the following sentence: | |
| a. bury (past) | I told James dog to lay down, but it didnt | |
| b. hurry (future) | listen to I. | |
| c. danced (present) | | |
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MATH

The math portion has 30 practical business math questions involving basic numeracy skills, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, fractions and percents. You may use a calculator for the math test.

Here are a few sample questions:

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| $2 \div 5$ is equal to which of the following? | 45% is the same as which decimal equivalent? |
| a. 0.25 | a. 0.45 |
| b. 0.4 | b. 4.5 |
| c. 0.5 | c. 0.045 |
| d. 0.75 | d. 45.00 |
| e. None of the above are correct. | e. None of the above are correct |
| | |
| 3 is related to 30, and 7 is related to 70 in the | 2 = ½ |
| same way that 2 is related to: | |
| a. 4 | 419 x 17 = |
| b. 20 | |
| c. 22 | 2.63 divided by 0.5 = |
| d. 8 | • |
| e. None of the above are correct | Find the average: 43, 61, 43, 93 and 72 |
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| 229 + 2584 + 7258 + 58 = | Subtract $9\frac{1}{4} - 7\frac{1}{2} =$ |
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