

ACER Scholarship Tests

Exam Tips

Read the instructions on the front cover of each test carefully.

Your responses to the Mathematics and Humanities sections of the test will be recorded on a special answer sheet called an OMR sheet. A machine scans the answer sheets so you must be very careful to make sure that you mark your answer against the question you're answering. Frequent cross-checking during the exam will eliminate any problems.

Exam Strategies

The ACER Scholarship Tests are not meant to be easy. Don't worry if you have left questions out. Many others also find the tests difficult. No marks will be deducted for wrong answers.

Do not rush or you may make careless mistakes. If you find one question in the multiple-choice area too difficult don't spend a long time on it. If you have four answers to choose from, and you are sure two of them are wrong but cannot make up your mind about the other two, mark the letter of the answer you think most likely to be correct. You may have time to come back and think about the question again.

These tests call for abilities which cannot be developed by practice in the mechanical aspects of English and routine mathematical processes. You must be able to think about what you have learnt and use it in a new situation. This ability is developed over a long period of time. Practise more than answering questions. Practise your planning strategies. Plan the way you organise your work and structure your answers, particularly in response to the Written Expression prompts.