

Midterm Test Taking Hints

1. You may use the following during the test:
 - a. Calculator
 - b. Theorem & Postulate lists
2. Your Theorem & Postulate list may **not** include:
 - a. Definitions
 - b. Formulas
 - c. Other hints
3. Review your formulas:
 - a. Perimeter, circumference, area
 - b. Distance
 - c. Midpoint
 - d. Slope
 - e. Various line equation forms & when they are best used
4. Be very careful about diagram markings!
5. Time yourself
 - a. This test has 40 answers
 - b. You will have about 2.5-3 minutes per question
6. General test taking tips:
 - a. Be rested and alert! Don't stay up late cramming!
 - b. Read the question carefully...reread the question carefully.
 - c. Double-check your answer
 - i. Can you work it a different way...and get the same answer?
 - ii. Work backwards
 - iii. Plug answer back in original to see if works
 - iv. Solve a simpler but related problem
 - v. Use common sense
 - d. If you get stuck, don't spin your wheels
 - i. Circle the problem and write the problem # on the top front page
 - ii. Move on
 - iii. When done, return to problems you skipped
 - e. For multiple choice, use process of elimination
7. Don't forget the cell phone rule!
 - a. If I see you with a cell phone during the test you fail the test.