

## GENERAL HINTS

### Preparing for the Tests

- Make sure you know in advance the best way to get to the testing center on time on the day of the test.
- Eat a good meal and get a good night's sleep before your test day.
- Plan to arrive at the testing center about 20 minutes early to allow for any last-minute changes or delays.
- Make sure that you have the following essential items with you on the day of the test:
  - ✚ Admission ticket (if necessary)
  - ✚ Photo identification (driver's license, government identification card, or other materials that include a photograph, your birth date, and place of residence)
- During the test, you will NOT be able to keep the following items at your seat. (You will, however, be able to store them at a specified area within viewing distance.)
  - ✚ Purses or tote bags
  - ✚ Pagers or cell phones
  - ✚ Portable music players
  - ✚ Hand-held electronic games
  - ✚ Food items
  - ✚ Textbooks (including dictionaries)
  - ✚ Notebooks or supplies
  - ✚ Jackets, coats, or hats
  - ✚ Other nonessential items
- Find out how many and which tests you are scheduled to take. Ask the time that your testing session will end. Make sure you have transportation available.

## **Taking the Tests**

- Read all directions and questions carefully and completely to ensure that you understand exactly what you are expected to do to answer each question. In addition, listen very carefully to the directions that the TASC Examiner gives you.
- Pick the single best answer. All multiple-choice questions have five answer choices. There are no “trick” questions. Eliminate the answer choices that you know are wrong and choose the best remaining answer.
- Follow the test directions for filling in the answer sheet. Mark only one answer space for each question; multiple answers will be scored as incorrect.
- Answer every question. If you get stuck on a question, move on. Complete the rest of the test and then come back to the questions you skipped. Even if you are unsure, mark an answer choice for every question because you will not be penalized for wrong answers.
- Always be aware of the time limit and time remaining for the particular test that you are taking. Each of the TASC Tests has a different time limit. When the test begins, notice when the TASC Examiner writes down the time that you must be finished and then carefully allocate the minutes as you work through the questions.
- When answering questions, remember that your first answer is usually your best. Don’t change your first answer unless you are sure it is wrong. If you erase, make sure that you have erased your first answer completely.