

# 3 TOP TIPS TO ACE YOUR ACT

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## CHAPTER ONE

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# INTRODUCTION

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*Exams round the corner and stress levels rising?*

Are you doing past paper after past paper and finding your scores stagnating?

With the exams closing in, it is natural for children and parents to start getting anxious. However, over anxiousness and high levels of stress are actually often responsible for more careless mistakes.

Errr... Yes I know- it's easy to say that ... but how do I keep my stress levels down, motivation up and stop making careless mistakes?

Merely clocking in the hours doesn't translate into a high score. It is important to know **how** to **study smart**.

Being able to manage your time in the exam and answer questions in the most effective manner is an easy fix and can often improve marks quite substantially.

In this e-book, we will help you identify the **Top 3** test-taking tips that will help you **study smart**, **keep your cool** in the exam room, **improve your scores** and **empower** you to be the **successful** students you deserve to be.



## CHAPTER TWO

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# ABOUT US

# MEET HIGHQ

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## *Committed to helping your child ACE the exams*

Focusing not only on enriching children academically, HighQ creates a holistic learning environment by integrating IQ and EQ. Our goal is to ensure lifelong success for every child through his or her learning journey.

Suitable for children across different curricula, profiles and disciplines our coaches and tutors address individual student requirements via customised learning plans.



Founded by Amita Menon in 2007, HighQ was born out of a commitment to positively shaping the future generation. By providing a holistic learning experience using customised learning plans, heuristic techniques and personalised attention,

HIGHQ has the been very successful in helping children ace their PSLE exams while still continuing to “love” learning and building a generation of individual who can contribute positively in society.

Don't take our word for it .... Hear it from our parents.

*"Amanda had always been strong in maths, but when she dropped to a low score in her first semester results for P6 we were concerned. Enrolling her into a PSLE programme at HighQ gave her the confidence she needed to perform her best. She eventually scored an A\* for her PSLE and even asked to come back to HighQ for secondary math! We love the techniques coupled with personalised attention that Amanda got at HighQ" -*

*J. Wong- Parent of Amanda (P6 student)*



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## CHAPTER THREE

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# ANSWERING STRATEGY

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Ever felt like you know the answers to many more questions on the exam, but simply run out of time before you can answer them?

Don't worry! You are not alone! This is a common problem faced by many students :)

## *The solution?*

Go through the entire paper and do ALL the easiest questions first, then come back to the harder questions.

## An Illustrated Example:

You are faced with the following two questions. The 2<sup>nd</sup> question is significantly easier and faster to solve, so you would skip the 1<sup>st</sup> question and solve the 2<sup>nd</sup> question.

Abandoned mines frequently fill with water. Before an abandoned mine can be reopened, the water must be pumped out. The size of pump required depends on the depth of the mine. If pumping out a mine that is  $D$  feet deep requires a pump that pumps a minimum of  $\frac{D^2}{25} + 4D - 250$  gallons per minute, pumping out a mine that is 150 feet deep would require a pump that pumps a minimum of how many gallons per minute?

- A.  362
- B.  500
- C.  800
- D.  1,250
- E.  1,750

What is the value of  $x$  when  $2x + 3 = 3x - 4$  ?

- A.  -7
- B.   $-\frac{1}{5}$
- C.  1
- D.   $\frac{1}{5}$
- E.  7



*Don't miss out on the easy questions!*





## CHAPTER FOUR

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# STRATEGIC GUESSING

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Answering strategy is great if you know you can solve the questions even if some take more time than others, but what happens if you see a question you **know** you can't solve?

**You use strategic guessing!**

In strategic guessing, you choose one or two letters (for example, C and H) and always choose those letters when you see a question you know you can't solve.

In the ACT, there is no penalty for getting an answer wrong, and choosing the same letter every time statistically improves your chances of getting the answer right!



**Tip!**

*Choose the same letters every time!*



## CHAPTER FIVE

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# ELIMINATION

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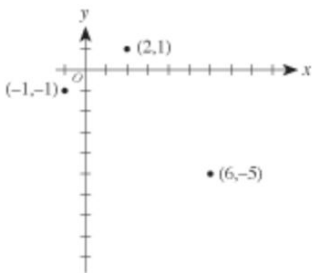
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Have you ever faced a multiple-choice question where you don't get the right answer is simply by trying to solve the question?

The solution: look at the answer choices! Decide which choices would not make sense logically with the question, and eliminate them, leaving the correct answer by process of elimination.

## An Illustrated Example:

In the standard  $(x,y)$  coordinate plane below, 3 of the vertices of a rectangle are shown. Which of the following is the 4th vertex of the rectangle?



- F.  (3,-7)
- G.  (4,-8)
- H.  (5,-1)
- I.  (8,-3)
- J.  (9,-3)



*Eliminate illogical choices*

In this question, we know the answer can't be H, I or J since the shape would no longer be a rectangle. This only leaves F and G. Using our knowledge of the properties of rectangles, we can deduce the values of the coordinates, revealing the answer to be F.

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