

Entrance Exam Pilot Study

Let's find a true test of a student's smarts.

We want in! We want in!

Everybody who went to grade school remembers that old chant. It brings back memories of snotty-nosed kids huddled by a door, freezing their little tushes off. And all of this after they just screamed so hard to be let out for recess.

Who can forget the looks on the faces of the teachers, smiling as they kept the doors shut, watching the one kid with his tongue stuck to the swing set?

And still it rang out, "We want in! We want in!"

Right now University officials are hearing that chant again, but this time from hopeful applicants to the University.

How will they decide which ones to let in? Probably on the basis of a lot of tests such as the ACT and the SAT.

These tests are fine and dandy, but they don't measure the true knowledge of a student. What is needed is a standard test that measures the true knowledge of the student, his or her chances of surviving here. If the applicants pass, they're in. It's that easy.

Here is an example of a test that would measure the "true" knowledge a student needs to possess:

1. You have just run into Freddie, the neighbor kid, while he was riding his bike, and he is now imbedded in the bug screen of your car. What should you say to his father?

a) "Want to buy a Stingray bike real cheap? It's just like your son's."

b) "I'm sure that roadkill in the street is an opossum. Note the hairy body, the pointy nose, the 'Lost in Space' lunchbox. Definitely an opossum."

c) "Looks like suicide, Mr. Finster. Must have been listening to those satanic lyrics. He even scrawled the name of that heavy metal group 'Goodyear' on his forehead. No doubt he was possessed."

d) "Your son rode his bike right into my car! Do you know how much the welders are gonna charge me to remove him? I figure \$500 and we're even. And I'm letting you off easy too."

2. The best example of survival of the fittest is:

a) Stealing money from the Salvation Army at Christmas because the bell ringers always wear those bulky Santa suits and can't run after you.

b) Opening cereal boxes in stores just to take the prizes.

c) Biting into a rotten-tasting candy, shaping it back into its original form, putting it back in the box, and taking another one.

d) All of the above.

3. Which of the following sentences would be the most inappropriate to say?

a) "You think you're pretty smart now, don't you, Mr. Doe. Well, we'll see who's laughing when I give your name to the

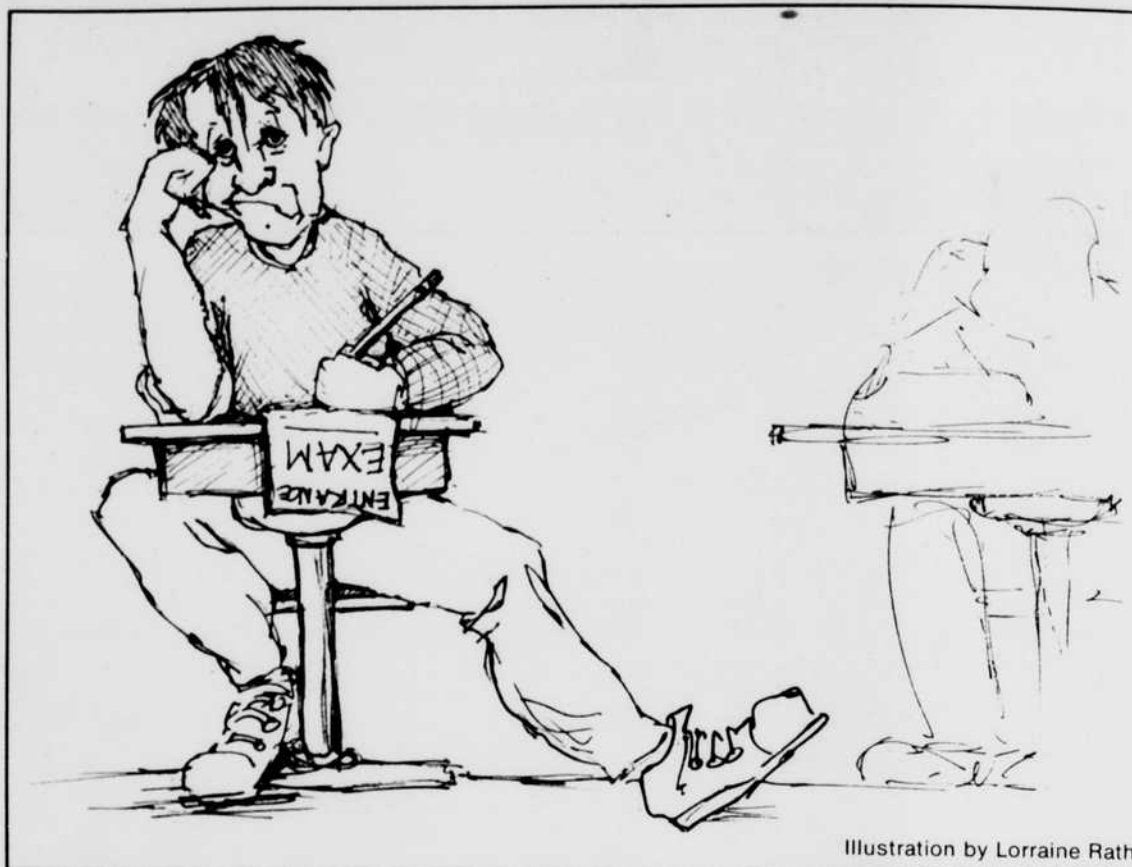


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police."

b) "Hah! Let's see you try it, tough guy!"

c) "Drop by anytime."

d) a and b

4. What is the best thing to say to your professor to ensure a good grade?

a) "This is purely hypothetical, but if a boulder, by some chance, rolls over your car while you're in it, will anybody else know my grade?"

b) "Wash your car! Shine your shoes! Strangle your kid!"

c) "Will 33.4 mol. of H₂SO₄ fully dissolve the car seat of, say, well, what do you drive?"

d) a and c

5. Kozlowski, a well-known philosopher, is best known for what famous axiom?

a) The shortest distance between two points is a friend's car.

b) A gun in hand is worth lots at the bank.

c) People with 8:30 classes are just plain stupid.

d) All of the above.

6. Which of the following would be the most economical date?

a) Climbing Spencer Butte, driving a friend's car up there of course, and enjoying Hamms beer and pork rinds while watching the sun set.

b) Going to the drive-in on carload night. If payment is per body, your date must ride in the trunk.

c) Stay at home and read poetry. Corny, but very economical.

d) All of the above.

7. What would be the best way to scare your mother?

a) "Do we have a rebate on Grandma? I kind of ran over her with the rototiller."

b) "Do we have any Band-Aids? I need lots of them. Big ones too."

c) "Have you ever known me to be anything but careful?"

d) "Some guy from the college wants to talk to you. A 'Dean' somebody."

8. Match each sentence with its true meaning?

a) "I saw a knifing take place here."

b) "It's hard to avoid all that pot at concerts."

c) Chef's surprise.

1) "Especially when I was the one smoking it."

2) Whatever the chef hit on the way to work.

3) "Mainly because I was the one doing it."

9. Is Jim Morrison dead? Explain.

Answers: You flunked, you clod! Any fool who reads this is never going to graduate. Better luck next time.

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