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## "Strategies for the 40-minute, 35-question Mathematical Reasoning Test, Including Timing Tips"

The Mathematical Reasoning test consists of 35 questions to be solved within 40 minutes, with an answer sheet divided into 5 sections of 7 questions each. To make the most of the available time and ensure that you don't miss any easier questions later in the test due to poor time management, you can approach this test by treating it as five separate 7-question exams, with 7 minutes allotted to each section and leaving the final 5 minutes for a final review. Here's how:

- Set Mini-deadlines: Divide the test into five 7-minute sections, each dedicated to a specific group of 7 questions. This helps you maintain a steady pace and ensures that you don't spend too much time on any single question.

Track Your Progress: After every 7 questions, quickly evaluate how well you've adhered to the 7 -minute timeframe. If you're running ahead or behind schedule, adjust your pacing accordingly for the next section.

Stay Organised: By focusing on one section at a time, you can keep your answer sheet neat and organised, reducing the risk of marking errors and saving time in the long run.

Maintain Momentum: Tackling the test in smaller sections can help you maintain focus and momentum. Completing each section within the allotted time can provide a sense of accomplishment and motivation to continue.

Assess Difficulty: As you complete each section, take a moment to gauge the difficulty level of the questions. This can help you prioritise the remaining sections and allocate time more effectively.

Timing: Use your time wisely and work steadily. If you find a question too difficult, don't spend a very long time on it. Shade in the answer you think is best and come back to that question later if you have time. There will be no time warnings during the test. You will need to check the test centre's official clock to find out how much time you have left. Put your hand up if you cannot see it clearly.

- Review and Double-check: After finishing all five sections, use the remaining 5 minutes to review your answers. Focus on any questions you found challenging or where you felt uncertain about your response. This systematic approach can help you make the most of your review time.

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Stay Flexible: While it's helpful to have a plan, be prepared to adapt your strategy if needed. If you find that one section is more difficult or time-consuming than expected, adjust your pace for the remaining sections to compensate.

- Practice with Similar Formats: Familiarise yourself with this specific test format by taking practice tests with the same structure. This will help you get comfortable with the 7 -question, 7-minute framework and improve your time management skills.

Remember, it's important to find the best approach that suits your needs and preferences. Staying focused, maintaining a steady pace, and regularly assessing progress are key to successful time management in any type of test.

Good luck!

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