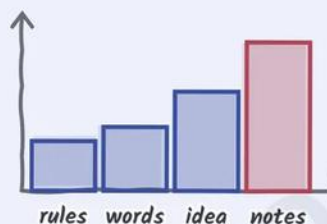


54 questions, 64 minutes, and a plan for where every second goes

The arithmetic you are actually working inside



- the section is 54 questions in 64 minutes, split into two modules of 27 questions and 32 minutes each
- that is 71 seconds a question, and the same 71 seconds whether you do the arithmetic on the whole section or on one module
- every question carries its own short passage, roughly 25 to 150 words, belonging to that question alone. There is no long shared passage to hold in your head
- four options, and no negative marking. A blank scores exactly what a wrong answer scores, which makes a blank the only genuinely wasteful thing you can do here
- 71 seconds is a budget, not a speed limit. Some questions should close in 30 seconds and some deserve 110, and the whole skill is knowing which is in front of you



four bars of unequal height, one per question type, tallest for the note-list questions; the heights show how the time should be shared out, and no scale is marked on the axis

Where the time is banked, and where it is spent

- the conventions questions (boundaries, verbs, pronouns and modifiers) are the most mechanical on the section: the four options differ only in punctuation or in a verb or pronoun form
- because the passage's meaning barely matters on those, they close in 30 to 40 seconds each once you have drilled them
- there are roughly 11 to 15 of them across the section. Answering each in 35 seconds instead of 71 banks about seven minutes
- those seven minutes are not a bonus. They are what pays for the three or four questions that genuinely need 110 seconds
- the expensive ones are always the same three: a pair of passages that disagree, a claim to be supported from a graph or a table, and a bulleted note list to be turned into one sentence

What the screen itself gives you

Flag

marks a question for the second pass and costs one tap; use it freely

Option eliminator

strikes out an option you have ruled out, so you never re-read it

Highlighter

marks the one line in the passage the question turns on

Timer

can be hidden, which is worth doing if the count is what makes you rush; it returns on its own with five minutes left

a review page lists every question in the module and shows which are still unanswered. It is reachable at any point, and it is where the Next button lands you after the last question