

## Test Layout

The HSPT has five sections: Verbal Skills, Mathematics, Language, Quantitative Skills and Reading.

Two and a half hours are given to complete 280 questions in multiple choice format.

Section	Questions/Time	Topics
Verbal Skills	60 questions – 16 minutes	Analogies, logic, antonyms, synonyms, and verbal classification
Quantitative Skills	52 questions – 30 minutes	Geometric and non-geometric comparison, Number Manipulation and Number Series
Reading	62 questions – 25 minutes	Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension
Mathematics	64 questions – 45 minutes	Word Problems, math concepts and geometry problems
Language	60 questions – 25 minutes.	Capitalization, grammar, usage, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure

## Saturday, January 11th

In this outline, I have included some catch-all terms and phrases for the topics presented in the 'Test Layout' topics sections. Be assured that we will be covering all of the topics discussed in that section over the two workshops.

Time	Topics	Notes
8:30-10:20	Synonyms and Antonyms Verbal Logic Strategies and Preparation Reading Comprehension Strategies and Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Layout of the test will be written on the board</li> <li>• Students will have a digital study guide, but will take notes and complete examples with paper and pen/pencil</li> </ul>
10:20-10:40	Break/Individual Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a student has a snack, she should plan to eat it during this time</li> <li>• This is an optional break time for the students, but the instructor will be prepared to answer any and all questions during this time</li> </ul>
10:40-12:30	Arithmetic, Geometric, Algebraic fundamentals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced students should be prepared to focus on basic skills</li> </ul>

## Saturday, January 18th

In this outline, I have included some catch-all terms and phrases for the topics presented in the 'Test Layout' topics sections. Be assured that we will be covering all of the topics discussed in that section over the two workshops.

Times	Topics	Notes
8:30-10:20	Spelling, Capitalization, and Punctuation English Usage and Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Layout of the test will be written on the board</li> <li>• Students will have a digital study guide, but will take notes and complete examples</li> </ul>

		with paper and pen/pencil
10:20-10:40	Break/Individual Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a student has a snack, she should plan to eat it during this time</li> <li>• This is an optional break time for the students, but the instructor will be prepared to answer any and all questions during this time</li> </ul>
10:40-12:30	Difficult Arithmetic, Geometric, Algebraic questions  Series Reasoning  Comparison and Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students may be exposed to concepts with which they are not familiar in this section</li> </ul>

## Recap

Students should be prepared for four hours of instruction each day. Each day is separated into two sessions of one hour and fifty minutes each, and the sessions will be separated by a twenty minute question and answer period (students can also utilize this time period as a break/snack time).

Students should bring: a calculator, pens/pencils, paper (either loose sheets or notebooks will suffice), and a laptop/device of some kind.

A digital study guide will be distributed prior to each lesson. The students will use the digital study guide in order to keep pace with the lesson, and they will be advised to take notes.

The lead instructor is named Raina Royale. Raina has been involved with education as either a teacher or an administrator for more than ten years. The majority of her experience is with eighth grade students. If she cannot make it on either the 11th or 18th, Frank Torres, Middle Tree's Education Director, will take her place.

We will be sure to let you know if anything changes!