Test Online with Virtual Proctoring Company

Examity is a secure online proctoring service that allows testers to take the TSIA with a live proctor virtually. Testing is available 24/7, 365 days a year. Testers must ensure their computer and test room meet the following requirements before registering for this option. If a tester cannot meet these requirements, then choose another TSIA testing option at www.pvamu.edu/tsi.

Computer Requirements
1. **THE COMPUTER MUST BE EITHER A DESKTOP, CHROMEBOOK, OR LAPTOP COMPUTER.**
   - Prairie View A&M University-owned computers cannot be used to take the TSI exams virtually.
2. **THE COMPUTER MUST HAVE A BUILT-IN OR EXTERNAL WEBCAM, MICROPHONE, OR SPEAKERS.** Testers are responsible for making sure these are on and functioning properly throughout their test session.
   - The camera must be able to be moved to show the proctor a 360-degree view of your test room, including your tabletop surface, before you can start the exam.
   - Headsets or wireless earphones are not allowed.
3. **DOWNLOAD Google Chrome and DISABLE its pop-up blocker**
   - **How to turn off the pop-blocker in Google Chrome**
     i. Open your Chrome Browser
     ii. Click on the three dots in the top right corner
     iii. Scroll down the list and click “Settings”
     iv. Click “Privacy and Security” on the list in the left corner
     v. Then click “Site Settings”
     vi. Click “Pop-ups and redirects” under the “Content” section
     vii. Switch to “Sites can send pop-ups and use redirects”
4. **COMPLETE the Examity System Check** on your computer to ensure it meets the standards for the online test administration.
5. **COMPLETE the ACCUPLACER System Check** on your computer to ensure it meets the standards for the ACCUPLACER platform.
6. **REMOVE or UNPLUG** any dual monitors from your computer.
7. **REMOVE or DISABLE** Grammarly and any other spell check or language translator program from your computer. Failure to remove or disable Grammarly will result in your test being invalid

Test Room Requirements
1. **Privacy**
   - You must be alone in a private room away from distractions, with no one else entering or sitting in the room for the test duration.
   - No one must talk to you, walk, or enter the room during the test.
   - Testing must not occur in a public space or area of your home, such as a park, internet café, restaurant, or car.
   - The room should not have any maps, periodic tables, posters, charts, or other materials related to the test's subject matter.
• No talking during the exam – you may only talk to the test proctor during the test and no one else.

2. **Tabletop/Seating**
   • Your computer and keyboard must be on a desk or other tabletop surface for the exam duration.
   • The tabletop and surrounding area must be clear of all items not approved for use during the test.
   • You must sit in a standard chair; you can't sit or lie on a bed, couch, overstuffed chair, or the floor.
   • The surface must be clear of all items; except the permitted items (list below).

3. **Scratch Paper**
   • You may have no more than five sheets of scratch paper for testing.
   • The test proctor will check the scratch paper before they start your test.
   • Test takers using scratch paper must do so by facing and fully viewing the camera. Turning around or to the side and leaving the camera’s view is prohibited.
   • You'll be asked to rip up all scratch paper used during the test in view of the proctor at the end of the test session; failure to do so will result in your test being invalid.

4. **Permitted Items**
   • You can only have **five sheets of scratch paper, one writing instrument (pencil, black or blue pen), and your acceptable photo identification (physical copy)**

5. **Not-Permitted Items**
   • The following items are prohibited and not allowed in the test room, in addition to all other prohibited items listed within the [Testing Services – Academic Integrity Policy](#).
     i. Electronic devices (including but not limited to cell phones, air pods, digital watches, pagers/beepers, tablets, smartphones, etc.)
     ii. handheld calculators
     iii. books/dictionaries/thesaurus (or any reference material of any kind)
     iv. weapons/firearms
     v. analog/digital watches (or watches of any kind)
     vi. food and beverages
     vii. Hats and hoods (unless worn as a religious requirement)
     viii. highlighter and colored pens

6. **Student Etiquette/Conduct**
   a. Testers are required to treat virtual test proctors with respect and curiosity, any disrespectful actions towards virtual test proctors will be reported to PVAMU Student Conduct.