Practice Quizzes/Exams

Quizzes and exams include questions that specifically test the objectives given in the website within Course Objectives Discussion. Excepting Quiz 1 and Exam A, about 90% of the questions relate to objectives for that unit or part and about 10% relate to previously learned objectives (review material).

SO, after completing work in the individual lessons for a unit, please read the summary for that unit in the Course Objectives Discussion and do all of the Typical questions there. Once you are comfortable with the material in the Course Objectives Discussion, take the ISU-designed practice test called Quiz1Practice, Quiz2Practice, ExamAPractice, etc. Try to simulate the real test by not using notes or getting help, and only use the installed calculator. Afterwards, get help with the problems you missed on the practice test. You will most likely be better prepared for the real test if you do these things.

Note that most of the questions on the tests are not eligible for partial credit, so practice being accurate and checking your work and answers. About one-half of each exam’s problems are eligible for partial credit, and they are clearly indicated as being eligible for partial credit. (No quiz problems are eligible for partial credit.) When you work a problem of this type on a practice exam, pay special attention to showing neat, organized work. Then when you come to a problem on the real exam that is eligible for partial credit, you will be better prepared to show the required neat and organized work.

You can take the ISU-designed practice quizzes and exams anytime anywhere, except in the Testing Center. The ISU practice tests, called Quiz1Practice or ExamAPractice, for example, are very similar to the actual tests, and they help students transition from completing individual Hawkes lessons to taking an ISU test that covers many lessons. To qualify for an actual ISU test, except the Final Exam, you must score 30% or better on one of your attempts of the corresponding ISU practice test. The ISU-designed practice tests are of the same style, level of difficulty, and length as the ISU-designed tests, and they test the same objectives. You may take a practice test more than once. The highest practice test score, which must be at least 30% with the exception of the FinalExamPractice, is recorded in your gradebook. The ISU-designed practice quiz or exam, are found in your HLS courseware.

Taking a test differs from certifying in a few ways. First, you can navigate through the test using the forward and back arrows so that you can look at all the test questions before answering any, or you can back up to review and perhaps change an answer that you entered earlier. Another difference is that your test is not graded until you click Submit. When you do that, your quiz or exam will be graded automatically. Your score has no bearing on your course grade other than determining if you have met the minimum requirement of a 30% to be eligible to take the actual test. The practice test score is automatically recorded and your best score is shown at the bottom of your gradebook. You will be asked if you want to review your work and the grading. Practice tests can be reviewed then or at any time later, whereas regular tests can only be reviewed immediately after being taken or later on with your instructor.

You can review any practice quiz or exam you have taken by clicking the Completed Tests button once you click on Test. That gives you a list of what tests you have taken, and you can select the one you want to review. Review screens look much like the original question screens but include your answer and the correct answer. You can review a practice test on screen or print it out using the Print option under Review on the menu bar.