

Gellerisms

on PSAT/SAT Student Produced Response Questions

- The solutions to the questions in multiple-choice format at the beginning of the Grid-In section increase from easy to difficult; the solutions to the questions in grid-in format increase in difficulty from easy to difficult.
- Only answers entered on the grid are scored. Handwriting your answers at the top of the grid also is recommended as it prevents carelessness.
- Some questions can have more than one correct answer. Grid any ONE of the correct answers to get credit.
- Write a mixed number (for example: $2\frac{1}{2}$) answer as an improper fraction ($\frac{5}{2}$) or as a decimal (2.5), never leave it as a mixed number!
- The scoring-machine cannot read your mind; you must tell it that an answer is a non-terminating decimal by gridding as much of the repeating decimal as will fit in the grid.
- If your calculations lead to an answer that is negative, **THINK AGAIN AND REDO YOUR WORK!** Only positive numbers or zero can be “gridded”!
- Show your plan and calculations on paper; translate English information to any diagrams given or to those you draw. (What is your “plan”? What is English information?)
- **CHECK YOUR WORK** because this section has a high incidence of errors due to carelessness!
- There is **NO PENALTY** for incorrect student-produced response answers. If all else fails, **GUESS** on the GRIDS.

