

## **TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

1. Be sure to get familiarized with ‘bubbling’ a multiple choice answer.
2. Please bring at least two sharpened pencils and erasers. You may bring a bottle of water. NO CALCULATOR allowed.
3. Do not start the competition with your stomach empty. Eat a good meal or snack before the tournament starts.
4. Go to the washroom before entering the room of the competition. Once the round starts, you cannot re-enter the room if you leave for any reason.
5. Please remain relaxed before entering the room of the competition. There is plenty of time for seat assignments. Do not push other competitors or parents.
6. Please get yourself familiarized with the format and types of math problems of the Ellipsis Math Challenge Tournament.
7. We reserve the right to verify the information submitted by the participants and their guardians. Any evidence of misrepresentation will result in immediate disqualification of the participant, and barring from future competitions.

**TEST PAPERS WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO PUBLIC UNTIL THE TOURNAMENT WINDOW IS OVER.**

## **FORMAT**

Problems are in multiple choice format, both on Mental Math Challenge and Problem-Solving Challenge.

**Mental Math Challenge (15 minutes)** – Students will be presented with 40 problems to be solved by students ‘mentally’. Because of the emphasis on speed and accuracy, students are given only 15 minutes to answer as many of the 40 problems as they can correctly. Each problem worth 2 points. Maximum individual score on this test is 80.

**Problem Solving Challenge (40 minutes)** – Students will be presented with 20 problems to solve. The first 8 questions are worth 5 points, the next 7 questions are of intermediate difficulty and worth 7 points, and the last 5 questions are harder and worth 10 points. During this round, participants will be given scratch papers to do any calculation to reach final answers. Maximum individual challenge score is 139 points. The mental math and individual test scores will be added to determine individual awards for a maximum of 219 points.

Tournament tests are completed in traditional papers and pencils.

