SAT Test taking tips

Mathematics component.
3 parts.
One 25 minute section.
  20 Multiple Choice Qs
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  8 Multiple Choice Qs, 10 grid in Qs
One 20 minute section
  16 Multiple Choice Qs

The math sections cover regular mathematics, basic algebra
basic geometry and algebra II.
The math concepts does not cover trigonometry or calculus.
The questions in the first third of each section are considered
to be easy.
The questions in the second third are medium difficulty.
The questions in the last third are hard.

Spend your time on the on the easy and medium questions first.
Tackle the hard questions if you have time.

The questions are weighted equally.
Each correct answer is worth one point.
For each incorrect multiple choice questions, one-fourth of
point is eliminated.
No points are deducted for grid in (fill in the blank questions.

If you don't know an answer to a multiple choice question,
don't leave an answer blank or guess randomly.
Eliminate the choices you know are wrong, then make
an educated guess from the remaining choices.
Even eliminating one answer choice will make it worthwhile
to guess.
For grid in questions, guess. You won't be penalized.

Don't let an unknown formula freak you out.
If a @ b = a² - b², find 7 @ 3.

Don't rely upon the formula sheet. Know them.
The number of degrees of arc in a circle is 360.
The measure in degrees of a straight angle is 180.
The sum of the measure in degrees of the angles of a
triangle is 180.
Watch for vocabulary tricks.

"What integer blah blah blah....."

Guess what that means. No fractions or decimals.

Watch for overly obvious answers.

17. Susan goes to work at an average speed of 60 mph. Assuming she takes the same route and makes no stops, if she averages 40 mph on the way home, what is her average speed in mph for the entire trip?

(A) 40  (B) 48  (C) 50  (D) 52  (E) 60

Watch for tricks involving perimeter, area and perfect squares.

Ex: The perimeter of a square is 64.
Find the side length.

When possible, eliminate obvious choices.

In triangle DEF above, what is the approximate length of side DE?

(A) .56  (B) .75  (C) 1.5  (D) 2.25  (E) 2.6