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Next SAT test date

May 2, 2015

Registration
April 6, 2015

Late registration
April 17-21, 2015

www.sat.collegeboard.org

Next ACT test date

June 13, 2015

Registration
May 8, 2015

Late registration
May 9-22, 2015

www.actstudent.org



ACT Challenge of the Month

Please send your answers to the March questions to Renee@makingthegradellc.com. Students who answer both questions correctly will be entered into a drawing to win a prize! Check your email each month for a list of tips for ACT success.

English Question

In the 1920's, Anderson wrote some direct responses to the more explicit examples of literary Modernism in Europe. In the 1930's, Anderson wrote *Beyond Desire*. But Anderson's most important contributions in the 1920's and 1930's are best felt indirectly through the works of the various writers he inspired.

Given that all the following are true, which one, if added here, would provide the clearest and most effective indication that Anderson was doing things that had not been done before in American literature?

- A. , which addressed social questions that only social scientists and propagandists dare touch.
- B. , which was heavily influenced by the literature of the Southern Populist movement.
- C. , which has been named by many literary critics as a highlight from Anderson's later work.
- D. , which was not as highly revered as *Winesburg, Ohio*.

Math Question

Circle A has its center at point $(-5,2)$ with a radius of 2, and circle B is represented by the equation $(x+4)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 9$. Where is point $(-2,2)$ located?

- A. Inside circle A only.
- B. Inside circle B only.
- C. Inside both circle A and circle B.
- D. Outside both circle A and circle B.
- E. Cannot be determined from given information.

The answers to March's questions of the month were:
English: B Math: A



Summer Camp

Summer is just around the corner! Keep your kids challenged academically this summer! Making the Grade is now offering summer camps this year. We will be providing more information in our May newsletter including dates and times of all our camps being offered.

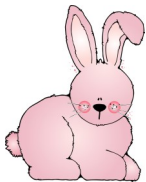


Here are some of the camps being offered this summer!

- *Computer Science (building apps and websites)
- *Math Camps (transition into high school math, everyday math not taught in schools, ACT math bootcamp part I and part II, etc.)
- *Science Camp
- *English/Reading/Science ACT camp

MtG Scholarship Fund

For our April fundraiser, we will again be selling Mrs. Fischesser's amazing homemade cookies. The cost of the cookies will be \$7. To place your order, you can contact Ms. Jenny at (859) 630-0360 or at jenny@makingthegradellc.com. The cookies can be picked up at the Making the Grade office on Keystone Drive. Cookies will be available the week after Spring break. Get them before they're gone!



ACT Tips

1. When to use who/whom on the English test: *Who* is a subject pronoun and does the action. *Whom* is an object pronoun and receives the action.
 2. A strong persuasive essay acknowledges the opposing arguments and briefly refutes them.
 3. Know your triangles. You must know the 30-60-90 and 45-45-90 rules: the ACT does not provide them for you.
 4. A navigation type of science question requires you to locate information in a chart or graph. Pay attention to labels, column headings, graph legends, and captions.
 5. The main ideas in the prose fiction and humanities passages are usually connected to a character's attitude.
- For more tips, check out the ACT Tips of the month, sent via email!

Scholarship Corner

DutchCrafters Amish Furniture Heritage Scholarship

Deadline: May 1, 2015

For: This essay contest is open to students who are enrolled in or have been accepted to an accredited 4-year undergraduate institution located in the United States. The student must complete a 750-word essay on the topic: "How will you draw upon your cultural heritage to shape your vocational aspirations, offer creative value to your future employer, and serve your community?" The student must hold at least a 3.0 GPA and must have applied for federal financial aid (FAFSA) in 2015.

Details: 3 scholarships will be awarded at \$500 each.

Link: <http://www.dutchcrafters.com/heritage-scholarship>

Comeback Clothes Campaign

Deadline: May 31, 2015

For: Students under the age of 26. The person must complete a dosomething.org campaign and submit a picture showing they have completed the campaign. May's campaign is Comeback Clothes, a clothing drive.

Details: There will be one winner of a \$10,000 scholarship to be used at the school of the winner's choice.

Link: <http://www.dosomething.org/about/scholarships>

Google Science Fair

Deadline: May 19, 2015

For: High school students ranging in age from 13-18, including groups of students. Applicants must create a science fair project in one of the specified categories and submit a video or presentation.

Details: Three finalists will be chosen. One will be selected as the grand prize winner and will receive a \$50,000 scholarship and an expedition to the Galapagos. The two remaining finalists will receive \$25,000 scholarships.

Link: <http://www.google-sciencefair.com>

Positive Coaching Alliance's Triple Impact Competitor Scholarship

Deadline: May 31, 2015

For: This essay contest is for current high school juniors with a GPA of 2.5 or above that is a participant in an individual or team sport sponsored by their school or local club. The applicant must complete an essay explaining how they meet the standard defined in Elevating Your Game: Becoming a Triple-Impact Competitor by Jim Thompson.

Details: Scholarships in the amount of \$1000-\$2000 will be awarded.

Link: <http://www.positivecoach.org/our-awards/triple-impact-competitor-scholarships/>