

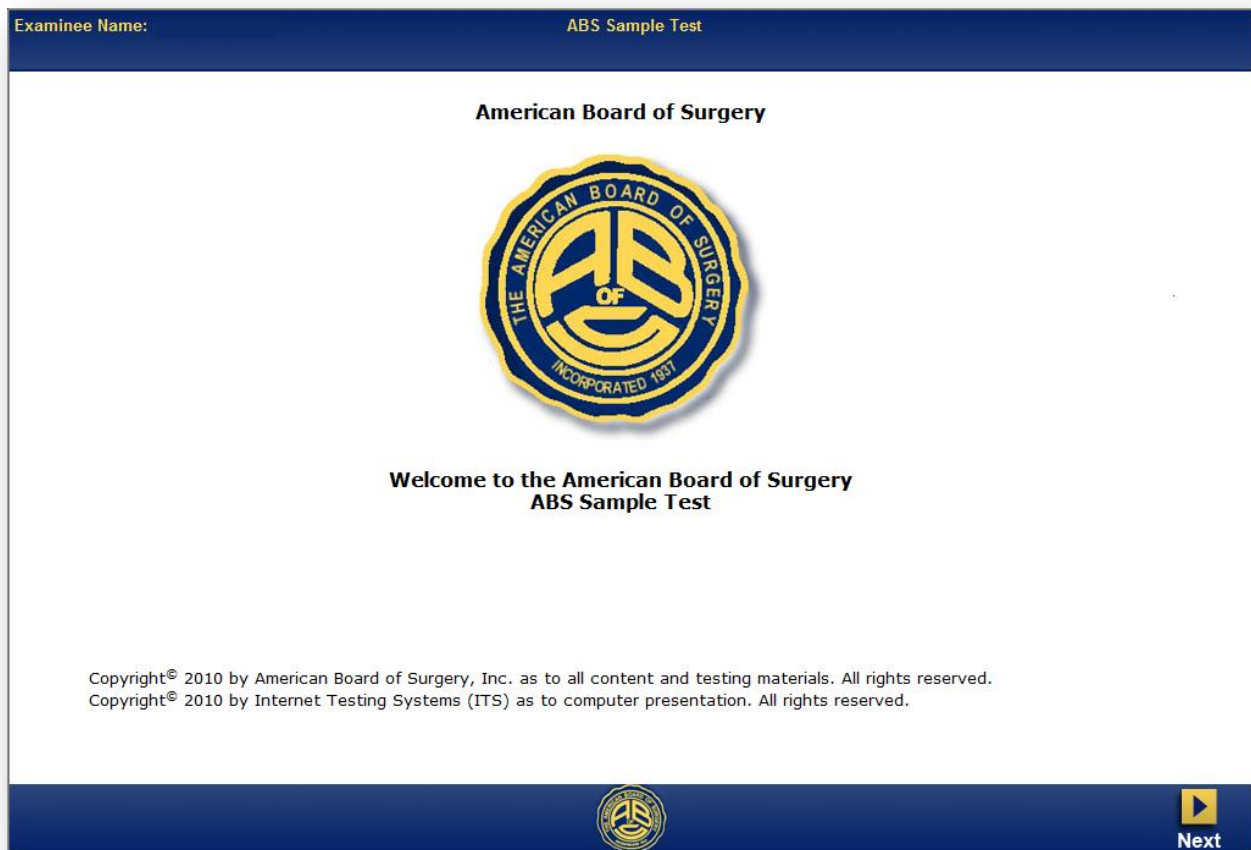
GUIDE FOR THE ABS IN-TRAINING EXAMINATIONS SAMPLE TEST

INTRODUCTION

ABS provides an interactive online Sample Test to help familiarize examinees with the online exam experience. The Sample Test, which can be accessed on www.absurgery.org, contains the same functionality and tools that examinees will encounter during ABS In-Training Online Examinations.

WELCOME SCREEN

The first screen is a Welcome Screen that will display the name of the examination an examinee is sitting to take. Examinees then advance to the next screen by clicking on the **Next** button on the right hand side of the lower task bar.



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IDENTITY CONFIRMATION

This screen displays the examination and name of the examinee. In order to advance to the next screen, examinees must certify that they are the person named on the screen by clicking **Yes**. Examinees who are unable to verify their identity click **No**, and the browser will close.

Examinee Name:

ABS Sample Test



The logo of the American Board of Surgery is a circular seal. It features a stylized 'AB' in the center, with 'OF' below it. The outer ring contains the text 'THE AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY' and 'INCORPORATED 1931' at the bottom.

American Board of Surgery

Exam: ABS Sample Test
Name:

I certify that I am the person named above and I have been authorized by the American Board of Surgery to take the examination listed.

Click the "Yes" button below if you have read the information and certify that the information is correct.

Click the "No" button below if either the examinee name or test name is incorrect.



No

Yes

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TERMS AGREEMENT SCREEN

This screen prompts examinees to acknowledge the confidential nature of the copyrighted materials presented on the examination. In order to advance to the next screen, examinees must agree to the terms listed on the screen by clicking **I Agree**. Examinees who are unable to agree to these terms click **I Disagree**, and the browser will close.

Examinee Name:

ABS Sample Test



The seal of the American Board of Surgery is circular with a blue border. Inside the border, the text "THE AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY" is written in a circular path. In the center, there is a stylized "ABS" logo. Below the logo, the text "INCORPORATED 1931" is written.

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By clicking "I Agree" below, I acknowledge that I have read the statement above and agree to abide by the terms stated therein.



 I Disagree

 I Agree

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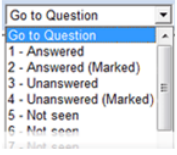

TUTORIAL SCREEN

The Tutorial Screen highlights the features in the online examination user interface. Those features are expanded upon in this document. The Tutorial Screen will be available to examinees at all times, via the examination's **Help** button.


Examinees should note that advancing beyond the Tutorial Screen using the **Next** button will navigate directly to the first examination item, which will start the timer on the examination.


Examinee Name:
Time Remaining:


ABS Sample Test
Tutorial

Key Features	
Mark or unmark questions for later review.	 Mark  Unmark
Pause the exam at any time; your exam time continues to elapse.	 Pause
Go to the Review screen, where you can review questions that you have marked or left unanswered.	 Review
Use the drop-down menu at the upper right to see the full list of questions or navigate to a specific exam question. Each question will be labeled one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answered• Answered (Marked)• Unanswered• Unanswered (Marked)• Not seen	
Strike out an answer option. Windows users can activate strikeout by right-clicking the answer option(s). Mac users can activate strikeout using CTR + click. Right-click or CTR + click on the option again to remove the strikeout.	

Once you click "Next" to advance to the next page, your exam and timer will begin.

 **Help**



 **Next**

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SAMPLE ITEM 1

The image below displays the first Sample Test item. The examinees' name appears in the left-hand side of the top task bar, in addition to the time remaining on the examination. Examinees can advance to the next item by clicking the **Next** button.

Examinee Name:

Time Remaining:


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Question: 1 of 10


Go to Question


A patient with an anatomic dead space of 150 ml has a tidal volume of 500 ml, a respiratory rate of 20/min, and an arterial PCO_2 of 45 mm Hg. Postoperatively, total physiologic dead space increases to 250 ml and tidal volume decreases to 450 ml/kg. To maintain the same arterial PCO_2 , the patient's respiratory rate must be


- ☐ A) 25/min
- ☐ B) 30/min
- ☐ C) 35/min
- ☐ D) 40/min
- ☐ E) 45/min


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 Pause



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SAMPLE ITEM 1 – HELP POP-UP

The Tutorial information is available to examinees at any time during the examination by clicking the **Help** button. When **Help** is enabled, the Tutorial Screen will appear as a pop-up that appears over most of the screen. Examinees do not navigate away from the current item. To disable the pop-up window and return to the item, click the **Help** button.

Examinee Name:

Time Remaining:

ABS Sample Test

Question: 1 of 10

Go to Question

Mark or unmark questions for later review.	<div>Mark</div> <div>M</div> <div>Unmark</div>
Pause the exam at any time; your exam time continues to elapse.	<div>Pause</div>
Lab Values will display reference material.	<div>Lab Values</div>
Go to the Review screen, where you can review questions that you have marked or left unanswered.	<div>Review</div>
Use the drop-down menu at the upper right to see the full list of questions or navigate to a specific exam question. Each question will be labeled one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answered• Answered (Marked)• Unanswered• Unanswered (Marked)• Not seen	<div>Go to Question</div> <div>Go to Question</div> <div>1 - Answered</div> <div>2 - Answered (Marked)</div> <div>3 - Unanswered</div> <div>4 - Unanswered (Marked)</div> <div>5 - Not seen</div> <div>6 - Not seen</div> <div>17 - Not seen</div>
Strike out an answer option. Windows users can activate strikeout by right-clicking the answer option(s). Mac users can activate the strikeout using CTR + click.	<div>Strikeout</div>

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SAMPLE ITEM 2

Examinees can advance to Item 2 by clicking the **Next** button. If examinees wish to return to Item 1, they may click the **Previous** button to return to the previous item.

Examinee Name:

ABS Sample Test


Question: 2 of 10


Time Remaining:


Go to Question


Factitious hypoglycemia is best distinguished from hypoglycemia secondary to an islet cell tumor by measuring the


- ☐ A) serum C-peptide level
- ☐ B) serum glucose level
- ☐ C) serum insulin level
- ☐ D) serum amylase level
- ☐ E) ratio of serum glucose to serum insulin


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 Pause



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SAMPLE ITEM 2 – MARK BUTTON

Items can be flagged for further review by clicking the **Mark** button. An “M” appears in the **Mark** button when items have been flagged for review. Clicking the **Mark** button again clears the “M.” Items flagged for further review will be appropriately noted in the **Navigation Dropdown** and the **Review Screen**. See following pages.

Examinee Name:

Time Remaining:

ABS Sample Test

Question: 2 of 10
Go to Question

Factitious hypoglycemia is best distinguished from hypoglycemia secondary to an islet cell tumor by measuring the


- ☐ A) serum C-peptide level
- ☐ B) serum glucose level
- ☐ C) serum insulin level
- ☐ D) serum amylase level
- ☐ E) ratio of serum glucose to serum insulin

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SAMPLE ITEM 3 – NAVIGATION DROPDOWN

The **Navigation Dropdown** on the right-hand side of the top task bar enables examinees to quickly and easily navigate between items in the examination. Items appear in the dropdown box with the following descriptions:

Not Seen	This item has not been viewed by the examinee.
Unanswered	This item has been viewed by the examinee, but has not been answered.
Unanswered (Marked)	This item has been viewed by the examinee, and flagged for further review.
Answered	This item has been viewed by the examinee and answered.
Answered (Marked)	This item has been viewed and answered by the examinee. It has also been flagged for further review.

Examinee Name:

Time Remaining:

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Question: 3 of 10

Go to Question

Go to Question

1 - Answered

2 - Unanswered (Marked)

3 - Unanswered

4 - Not seen

5 - Not seen

6 - Not seen

7 - Not seen

8 - Not seen

9 - Not seen

10 - Not seen

Purines and pyrimidines resulting from the breakdown of nucleic RNA are

- ☐ A) excreted unchanged in the urine
- ☐ B) converted to ammonia and uric acid
- ☐ C) recycled through the Embden-Myerhof pathway
- ☐ D) converted within the cell to ribosomal RNA
- ☐ E) glycosylated and excreted in the urine

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REVIEW SCREEN

The **Review Screen** enables examinees to review their answers, ensuring that all items were answered, and allowing quick and easy navigation back to specific items. The **Review Screen** is available at all times during the examination by clicking the **Review** button in the lower task bar. Additionally, examinees will navigate to the **Review Screen** after clicking **Next** on the final examination item.

Examinee Name:

ABS Sample Test

Question: 1-10 of 10

Time Remaining:

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Go to Question

The table below shows the questions you skipped or marked.

- To navigate to a specific question, click on the question in the table below.
- Click **Review Unanswered** to review the unanswered questions.
- Click **Review Marked** to review the marked questions.
- Click **Review All** to review all questions.
- Click **Previous** to return to the final exam question.
- Click **End** after you have reviewed all answers. This will mark your test as complete and navigate to the Survey.

Review Unanswered

Review Marked

Review All

Question	Status
2	Unanswered and Marked
4	Unanswered
5	Unanswered
6	Unanswered
7	Unanswered
8	Unanswered
9	Unanswered
10	Unanswered

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X

End

Items that were answered do not appear on the **Review Screen**. Items will appear if their status is **Unanswered**, **Unanswered and Marked**, or **Marked**.

Clicking on the link for each item in the table will navigate directly back to that item. Once the item has been addressed, examinees can return to the **Review Screen** by clicking **Review**.

The navigation buttons above the table provide additional review options. Examinees are able to return to all items that were left unanswered (**Review Unanswered**), those that were flagged for review (**Review Marked**), or simply all items (**Review All**).

Once an examinees are ready to exit the examination and advance to the **Survey**, they may click the **End** button. Upon clicking **End**, an examinee cannot return to examination items.

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PAUSE SCREEN

Examinees are able to pause the examination at any time by clicking the **Pause** button. Enabling **Pause** will bring up the full-screen **Pause Screen**. The examinees' only option is to click **OK** to return to the examination.

Please note that the examination timer will continue to count down. The **Pause** screen enables an examinee to take a break from testing, and leave his or her workstation without leaving item answers exposed.

You have paused your exam. Please note that your exam session time continues to elapse. Click "OK" to continue your exam.

Click "OK" to continue.


OK

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SURVEY

After leaving the **Review Screen**, examinees are prompted to complete a short survey.

Examinee Name:	ABS Sample Test Survey				Question: 1 of 4
How would you rate your <u>typical general surgery rotations</u> with respect to each of the factors listed below? Rate each of the eight factors listed below on a scale from 1 to 5.					
Factors (Questions 1 - 8)					
	(A) - 1	(B) - 2	(C) - 3	(D) - 4	(E) - 5
	Insufficient	Minimal	Adequate	Above Average	Excessive
1. Supervision by attending physicians					
2. Workload					
3. Number of operations					
4. Sufficiency of operating room time					
5. Time available for educational activities (reading, lectures, other didactics)					
6. Adequacy of inpatient/ward time					
7. Adequacy of outpatient/office time					
8. Continuity of care					

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END EXAMINATION

After completing the short **Survey**, examinees are prompted to end their examination by clicking the **Close** button. This exits the browser, and completes the examination for scoring.

