**Test Taking Tips**

**Multiple Choice:**

1.  Start with the “EASIEST” questions, in order to make sure you finish those, and to build your confidence:  (i.e:  #1-30) Matching questions, Random questions, Graphs.

2.  Then do the Grid-Ins, a.k.a. the math questions.

3.  Then do the longer/harder multiple choice  (i.e. #31-63)

**Some basic Multiple Choice tips**

* Try to answer the questions without looking at the answers.
* Eliminate clearly wrong answers
* Write on the test…  circle key words, circle ones you want to go back to, draw punnett squares, etc…
* For matching read all the questions before reading the answers (don’t worry if there’s a term you don’t know… do the ones you know first… you may not need that term).
* For wordy answers, work from answer D and go up…
* Data analysis, read the graph and figure out what they’re trying to “prove.”  Hint:  They won’t give you data that is “wrong,” usually they’ll use idealized data.

**FRQ’s**

1.  During the reading period (10 minutes), chose ONE of the LONG FRQ questions that you think you can get the most points for and make a list of points, or outline.   Also Rank the other questions, putting a star next to the ones you know the best.  The points are distributed:   10, 10, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 2…

2.  Use a fine tipped pen or mechanical pencil to help you write more legibly.  Don’t erase… cross out.

3.  No minus points for wrong answers, but put your best examples first.

4.  For labs, make sure you:

a)  have a control

b)  have a variable that you can test in 3-5 ways:  i.e. temperature (between 0 – 40 degrees C)… evenly space the temps…  10, 20, 30, 40…   other easy to manipulate variables:  pH  (3,5,7,9,11),  light (colors, or intensity (wattage:  50, 60, 70, 80 watts)

c)  hypothesis…  If light causes more photosynthesis to occur, then the plants under the higher wattage will produce more Oxygen.

D)  expected results.

E)  Label Graphs

5.  You have 80 minutes to write, so that’s about 22.5 minutes per long FRQ, and 4-6 minutes per short FRQ.

6.  Rephrase the question as your topic sentence.  Only answer what the question is asked!  BUT, make sure you answer all parts of the questions!