



# ASVAB Preparation Questionnaire

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**PURPOSE:** Name and SSN are collected so that the responses can be combined with ASVAB scores.

**ROUTINE USES:** None.

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### ABOUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

The Department of Defense needs information about ASVAB test preparation to adequately assess the benefit of ASVAB test preparation on ASVAB test scores. During the course of this study all military applicants are being asked to take the ASVAB Preparation Questionnaire. Your responses will be kept private (your name and social security number are only used to match your test preparation survey answers with your ASVAB results). Only group statistics will be reported, and no data identifying specific individuals will be released to anyone. Your responses will not affect your ASVAB scores or your eligibility for military service or specific military occupations.

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Please accept our thanks for your help in this survey!

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please use a No. 2 Pencil Only (Please, do not use ink, ball-point, or felt-tip pens).

- This is not a test, so take your time.
- Select answers that best fit you.
- Make heavy black marks that fill the response circles.
- Do not make any marks outside of response circles.
- If you change your mind, erase old marks completely.

CORRECT MARK



INCORRECT MARKS



### BACKGROUND INFORMATION *(Please complete before answering the questions.)*

Please write your last name (up to the first 10 letters), social security number, test site code, and today's date in the blocks provided. Then fill-in the corresponding response circles.

Last Name									
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J
K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K	K
L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
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U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z

SSN									
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
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9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

Test Site			
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9

Test Date					
Month		Day		Year	
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1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3			3
4		4			4
5		5			5
6		6			6
7		7			7
8		8			8
9		9			9

**ASVAB HISTORY**

1. How many times have you previously taken the ASVAB for the purpose of applying to the military? *Include ASVAB taken in your high school as part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program in your count. Do not include practice tests or today's test in your count.*

- zero --> **Go to Question 5**
- once
- two times
- three times
- more than three times

2. Did you take the ASVAB in your high school as part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program?

- No, I never took the ASVAB in my high school.
- Yes, I took the ASVAB in my high school and discussed my scores with a recruiter for joining the military.
- Yes, I took the ASVAB in my high school and only used the scores for career exploration.

3. If you took the ASVAB before, how well do you think your scores reflected your abilities?

- pretty good estimates of my abilities
- somewhat low compared with my abilities
- much too low compared with my abilities

4. If you took the ASVAB before today, how nervous were you about taking the ASVAB on your most recent attempt?

- extremely nervous
- very nervous
- somewhat nervous
- slightly nervous
- not at all nervous

5. How important are each of the following to you in taking the ASVAB?

	Extremely Important
	Very Important
	Somewhat Important
	Slightly Important
	Not At All Important

- a. obtaining high scores. . . . .
- b. controlling test anxiety. . . . .
- c. qualifying for an enlistment bonus . .
- d. qualifying for a particular military job .
- e. qualifying for military entrance. . . . .

**ASVAB PREPARATION**

6. The following is a list of test preparation topics (a-m) and materials (n-w). For each one, mark YES or NO to report whether you reviewed that topic or used that material in preparation for taking the ASVAB.

Topics	Yes	No
a. time management advice (how much time to spend on each question) . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. the advantages/disadvantages of guessing on the test questions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. the importance of being well rested and in a good state-of-mind on test day . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. the importance of eating the right kinds and amounts of foods and liquids before the test .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. test content (for example: vocabulary, reading, math, and electronics) . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. test instructions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. question types (for example: multiple choice, fill in the blank, and essay) . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. test lengths and time limits . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. similarities and differences between the paper and computerized versions of the ASVAB . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. answer sheet format (for the paper-based version) . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. computer keyboard layout (for the computerized version) . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. practice questions . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m. ASVAB scores and their meaning . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Materials**

- n. ASVAB study guide book (such as ARCO, ASVAB for Dummies, Barron's, Kaplan, McGraw Hill, or other similar books) .
- o. classroom-based ASVAB preparation course .
- p. classroom courses of a general nature such as a math refresher course . . . . .
- q. Internet ASVAB preparation course . . . . .
- r. ASVAB preparation software . . . . .
- s. flash cards developed for ASVAB preparation .
- t. textbooks . . . . .
- u. practice tests. . . . .
- v. U.S. Army-sponsored website: <https://www.March2Success.com> . . . . .
- w. other topic or material (*please specify below*):

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7. Did you answer yes to any items in Question 6 (a-w)?

- Yes, I did answer yes to one or more items in Question 6 --> **Go to Question 8.**
- No, I did not answer yes to any of items in Question 6. --> **Go to Question 14.**

- 8. When did your preparation(s) for the ASVAB occur? Mark Yes or No for each item.**
- |  |     |
|--|-----|
|  | No  |
|  | Yes |
- a. before I took my first ASVAB. ....  Yes  No
  - b. between the first and second time I took the ASVAB ....  Yes  No
  - c. between the second and third time I took the ASVAB ....  Yes  No
  - d. between the third and fourth time I took the ASVAB ....  Yes  No

- 9. Which type of ASVAB practice test(s) have you taken? Mark Yes or No for each item.**
- |  |     |
|--|-----|
|  | No  |
|  | Yes |
- a. printed test included with an ASVAB study guide book ....  Yes  No
  - b. test on a CD included with an ASVAB study guide book ....  Yes  No
  - c. free test on the Internet ....  Yes  No
  - d. purchased test on the Internet ....  Yes  No
  - e. part of a classroom-based test preparation course. ....  Yes  No
  - f. part of an on-line test preparation course ...  Yes  No
  - g. other (please specify below):  
.....  Yes  No

**10. About how much time did you spend studying test preparation materials or study aids for each of the following ASVAB content areas? For example, how much time did you spend with math materials or study aids before taking the math portion of the ASVAB? Do not include time spent in high school classes.**

	more than 200 hours
	101 - 200 hours
	51 - 100 hours
	26 - 50 hours
	13 - 25 hours
	6 - 12 hours
	3 - 5 hours
	2 hours
	1 hour
	less than 1 hour
	0 hours

- a. General Science .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+
- b. Arithmetic Reasoning .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+
- c. Word Knowledge .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+
- d. Paragraph Comprehension .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+
- e. Mathematics Knowledge .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+
- f. Auto Information .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+
- g. Shop Information .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+
- h. Electronics Information .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+
- i. Mechanical Comprehension .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+
- j. Assembling Objects .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-25  26-50  51-100  101-200  200+

**11. About how much time did you spend answering and reviewing practice-test questions for each of the following parts of the ASVAB? Do not include time spent during official ASVAB testing sessions.**

	more than 24 hours
	13 - 24 hours
	6 - 12 hours
	3 - 5 hours
	2 hours
	1 hours
	less than 1 hour
	0 hours

- a. General Science .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+
- b. Arithmetic Reasoning .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+
- c. Word Knowledge .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+
- d. Paragraph Comprehension .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+
- e. Mathematics Knowledge .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+
- f. Auto Information .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+
- g. Shop Information .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+
- h. Electronics Information .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+
- i. Mechanical Comprehension .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+
- j. Assembling Objects .....  0  1  2  3-5  6-12  13-24  24+

12. Overall, how much time did you spend preparing for the ASVAB? *Include only those activities you specifically used to familiarize yourself with the ASVAB and to raise your ASVAB scores. Do not include, for example, time spent in high school courses.*

- 0 hours
- less than 1 hour
- 1 hour
- 2 hours
- 3 – 5 hours
- 6 – 12 hours
- 13 – 25 hours
- 26 – 50 hours
- 51 – 100 hours
- 101 – 200 hours
- more than 200 hours

13. About how much money did you spend on ASVAB preparation materials and activities?

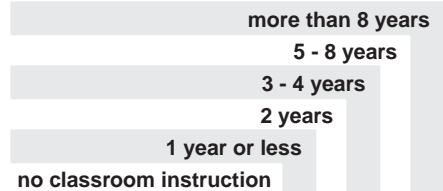
- I spent no money
- \$1 - \$15
- \$16 - \$35
- \$36 - \$80
- \$81 - \$125
- \$126 - \$200
- \$201 - \$500
- more than \$500

14. If ASVAB preparation (study books, online courses, class instruction, and other methods) was offered free of charge, how much time would you be willing to spend in total with all forms of preparation to achieve your primary goal?

- 0 hours
- 1 hour
- 2 hours
- 3 – 5 hours
- 6 – 12 hours
- 13 – 25 hours
- 26 – 50 hours
- 51 – 100 hours
- 101 – 200 hours
- 201 – 500 hours
- 501 – 1,000 hrs
- more than 1,000 hours

## EDUCATION

15. How long has it been since you last received classroom instruction in each of the following areas? *Only consider instruction received in high school, college, or vocational classes. Do not count classroom instruction specifically intended to familiarize you with the ASVAB.*



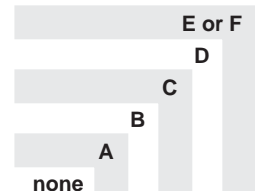
- a. Arts and Music . . . . .
- b. English . . . . .
- c. Foreign and Classical Languages . . . . .
- d. Mathematics . . . . .
- e. Natural Sciences . . . . .
- f. Industrial Arts . . . . .

16. Indicate the total number of years of high school courses (in grades 9 through 12) you have taken or plan to take in each of the following subject areas.



- a. Arts and Music . . . . .
- b. English . . . . .
- c. Foreign and Classical Languages . . . . .
- d. Mathematics . . . . .
- e. Natural Sciences . . . . .
- f. Industrial Arts . . . . .

17. Indicate the average grade you have received in high school courses (grades 9 through 12) in the specific subjects listed below.



- a. Arts and Music . . . . .
- b. English . . . . .
- c. Foreign and Classical Languages . . . . .
- d. Mathematics . . . . .
- e. Natural Sciences . . . . .
- f. Industrial Arts . . . . .

**18. How do you think you compare with other military applicants in the specific subjects listed below?**

	Don't Know				
	among the highest 10 percent		above average		average
	below average		among the lowest 10 percent		
a. Arts and Music . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. English . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Foreign and Classical Languages . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Mathematics . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Natural Sciences . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Industrial Arts . . . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**19. Indicate your average grade for all academic subjects taken in high school.**

- A+             C+
- A                 C
- A-               C-
- B+               D+
- B                 D
- B-               E or F

**20. What is the highest level of education you have completed?**

- some high school
- HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE — high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (for example, GED)
- business or trade school diploma/certificate
- some college
- Associate or two-year degree
- Bachelor's or four-year degree
- some graduate or professional school
- graduate or professional degree

**21. What is the highest level of education you plan to complete beyond your current level?**

**(Mark only one.)**

- HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE — high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (for example: GED)
- business or trade school diploma/certificate
- Associate or two-year degree
- Bachelor's or four-year degree
- graduate or professional degree
- No additional education planned
- undecided

**BACKGROUND**

**22. What language do you know best?**

- English
- English and another language about the same
- another language

**23. What language did you learn to speak first?**

- English only
- English and another language
- another language

**24. Indicate the highest level of education completed by your mother (or female guardian).**

**(Mark only one.)**

- no formal education
- less than high school
- some high school
- high school diploma or equivalent
- business or trade school diploma/certificate
- some college
- Associate or two-year degree
- Bachelor's or four-year degree
- some graduate or professional school
- graduate or professional degree
- don't know

**25. Indicate the highest level of education completed by your father (or male guardian). (Mark only one.)**

- no formal education
- less than high school
- some high school
- high school diploma or equivalent
- business or trade school diploma/certificate
- some college
- Associate or two-year degree
- Bachelor's or four-year degree
- some graduate or professional school
- graduate or professional degree
- don't know

*Please continue on the next page.*



