# The 4-Hour Pacing Guide

From Appendix B. Each section gives you 120 minutes for 61 questions.

## Time budget

| Measure | Time | Purpose |
|---|---|---|
| Section average | Just under 2 minutes per item | 120 minutes divided by 61 |
| First-pass allowance | About 90 seconds per item, 92 minutes in all | Answering all 61 once |
| Review reserve | About 28 minutes | Returning to marked items |

## Checkpoints

| Checkpoint | Time used | Time remaining | Clock, 9:00 start | Your start: _____ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Question 15 | 23 min | 1:37 | 9:23 | |
| Question 30 | 45 min | 1:15 | 9:45 | |
| Question 45 | 68 min | 0:52 | 10:08 | |
| Question 61 | 92 min | 0:28 | 10:32 | |

## Review time

- First pass end: when you answered question 61.
- Marked count: how many items you starred.
- Review end: when you finished the last marked item.

## The break

- After Section 1 you get an optional break of up to 10 minutes, with the clock stopped.
- Confirm the break rules in the current ASWB guidebook and practice your break on Practice Exam 3.

## Falling behind

- Shorten deliberation on recall items. Choose, mark it if unsure, and move on.
- Mark and move on: once a vignette is down to two options, pick one, star it and keep going.
- Answer every item: ten minutes before the section ends, stop reviewing and fill every blank.