

PRS IN MATH 15, FALL 2005

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This semester, all three sections in Math 15 will utilize a Personal Response System (PRS). You will be given a personal response device on Tuesday, August 23, during recitation. Starting Wednesday, August 24, you should bring this device to each lecture. In each lecture, you will have to use this device in average four times as follows:

1. Right at the beginning of the hour (i.e., 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, respectively, *sharp*), a question on the previous lecture will be posed. If you have worked through the previous lecture and have done all assigned homework problems for this lecture, you should find no difficulty in answering this question.
2. Following the first question, a question on the current lecture will be posed. You should make it a habit to read through the material in the book for the next lecture prior to coming to class. If you have done this, you should find no difficulty in answering this question.
3. Some time in the middle, roughly at thirty minutes after the hour, a question will be posed that will check whether you paid attention during this lecture so far.
4. At the end, a round-up question will be posed. Again, if you pay attention during the hour, there should not be any difficulty in answering this question.

Here are some general guidelines for the use of your devices:

- When you enter CE-125 for class, press “GO” + “4” + “1” which means that you are now switching to “Channel 41”. If the green light is on for a short time right after switching to Channel 41, that means that your device is ready. If the green light cannot be seen, try it again until it shows up.
- If your device is broken, show it to the GTA prior to the lecture. He/she might be able to give you a substitute device.
- If you do not enter any responses on a given day, you will be counted as absent.
- If you forget your device, you will not be able to collect any PRS points on that day. However, if you tell this to the GTA prior to the lecture and sit in the front row for the entire lecture, you will not be counted as absent.
- If you ever use any device different from your personal device, you will be dropped from the class (before November 15) or receive an “F” (after November 15).
- If you arrive after the full hour and you miss any questions that already have been given, you cannot make up for these missed questions.
- 43 times 4 equals 172, but only 140 points will be the maximum points for the PRS. I.e., you can miss roughly 32 questions and you still will collect the maximum number of points for the PRS.