

Score-Sheet Sample Explanation

The sample score sheet is meant to give examples of most of the notations that come up in quizzing. I describe my preferred notation, and reasons behind this notation

The score sheet contains the following portions:

- The top line contains information identifying the quiz.
- Each team has a set of 7 lines:
 - A line with the team name, along with question number, toss-up and bonus information,
 - 5 team member lines, one for each member,
 - A time-out/running total line.
 - For an official score sheet, the coach must initial to the right of these lines.
- There is a final results portion at the bottom of the page. (As a scorekeeper, you may or may not wish to fill this out. The statistician should fill it out to assure correctness.)

The running total is written to the right of the word “Score” for each team. My practice is to only enter a number in this line when a change has occurred, and at key points in the quiz. This keeps the line cleaner, and easier to pinpoint events. Key points in the quiz include when a score check is made, question 20 and the end of the quiz. Other score keepers prefer to write the running total for every question for all three teams.

In this example, the three teams each have five members. Each team member is listed for each team, with the captain designated by “c”, and the co-captain designated by “cc”. The common practice is to list the team members in the order of seating at the beginning of the quiz, with the potential substitute listed on the 5th team member line.

In our district, each team starts with 20 points, assuming each team is “on time”. This is designated just to the right of the word “Score” on each team’s running total line. The sequence of events follows:

- Question 1 is answered correctly by Snoopy. 20 points are awarded, bringing the team score to 40.
- Errors are made on questions 2 and 3, designated by “E” on Mary Anne’s line and Larry’s line respectively.
- After 2 errors from the opposing teams, Linus gets the 20 point bonus for question 4, designated by a circled “20”, bringing the Peanut’s score up to 60.
- VeggieTales call for a time-out before question 5. This is designated by the “5” mark in the time-outs cell. Archibald Asparagus is substituted in, and Larry the Cucumber is pulled out. This is designated by the right-arrow on Archibald’s line through the cells for questions 1-4, and the left pointing arrow on Larry’s team-member line, starting at question 5. (Larry sits out for questions 5 through 16.)
- Questions 5 through 9 are answered correctly, with the usual notation of “20” in the appropriate cells.
- Peanuts call for a time-out before question 9, and substitute Charlie Brown for Snoopy.
- Question 10 is answered correctly by Linus. This is a third person bonus, designated by “20/10”. Note that although Linus answered question 4 correctly, this was on a bonus question, so until question 10, Linus had not answered a question normally.
- On question 11, Marry Anne makes her second personal error. This is designated by “E-10”.
- Question 12 is answered correctly by Peppermint Patty, earning the team a 4th person bonus.

- Islanders call for a time-out prior to question 13 (as noted), and substitute Gilligan in for the Skipper.
- On question 13, Mary Anne errors out with her 3rd personal error. As she must leave the platform, Skipper is permitted to return. When a team member is substituted out, that team member must remain out for at least three questions unless another quizzer is removed, either by a quiz-out or an error out.
- Question 14 is not attempted by any quizzer. A line is drawn through the column for question 14.
- Question 15 is answered correctly by Jimmy Gourd.
- On question 16, Bob the Tomato makes an error. This is the team's second error, but Bob's first, so no penalty points are taken.
- Question 16A is answered correctly by Lucy. Note the "A" designated in the toss-up/bonus cell.
- Prior to question 17, VeggieTales calls for their second time-out and substitutes in Larry the Cucumber for Bob the Tomato.
- Questions 17 and 18 are answered correctly by The Professor.
- On Question 19, Charlie Brown errors. This is the team's first error of the quiz. However, since this is while error points are in effect, a team penalty of 10 points is taken, as designated by "E-10".
- Question 19A is answered correctly by Jimmy Gourd, giving him a perfect quiz-out. This is designated by "30". Jimmy Gourd leaves the platform, and Bob the Tomato takes his place.
- Question 20 is answered correctly by Gilligan, giving a 3rd person bonus, and tying the score between Islanders and VeggieTales. The total scores of all 3 teams are recorded at question 20. This forces overtime. Note that the team Peanuts has already won, and does not participate in overtime. At this time, the coach initials on the right of the sheet.
- On question 21, Junior Asparagus errors. As this is the 3rd team error, and the error occurs while error points are in effect, 10 penalty points are taken.
- Question 21A is also an error. As this is a bonus question, no penalty points are taken. The error on a bonus is designated by a circled "E".
- Gilligan makes another error on question 22.
- Archibald Asparagus correctly answers the bonus question 22A. As this bonus question occurs while error points are in effect, the bonus is worth 10 points, designated by a circled "10".
- Question 23 is another error, followed by another correct bonus. The final overtime scores are recorded for question 23.

The quiz is complete. Both remaining coaches initial the score-sheet. Peanuts came in first, winning at question 20 with a score of 150. This is worth 15 team-ranking points. As VeggieTales and Islanders were tied on question 20 with 110 points, the overtime was to determine second and third place. The second-placed team (VeggieTales) receives 10 team-ranking points ($11 - 1 = 10$ for 2nd place), and the third-placed team (Islanders) receives 9 team-ranking points ($11 - 2 = 9$ for 3rd place.) All questions after question 20 count only for placement purposes. They do not count towards individual scores and they only count for team-ranking points in the sense that they determine placement.

In tabulating individual scores, the only individual bonus that can be earned is the perfect quiz-out. All other bonuses are team bonuses. Similarly, individuals are not penalized for their 1st error, regardless if it occurred as the 3rd team error or while error points are in effect. Also, again, no points or penalties received in overtime count for an individual's personal score. For some examples, Linus only earned 20 points. He did not receive the 20 points for bonus question 4, and he did not receive the 10 point 3rd person bonus. Charlie Brown was not penalized for his error on question 19, although the team lost 10 points. Gilligan earned 20 personal points for question 20, and was not personally penalized for any of his errors in overtime.