

# *Make Achievements relevant*

Recognizing the growing wave of popular opinion, the College Board is now trying to make its examinations relate more to the issues of today. This trend of relevancy is best reflected in the new line of Achievement Tests. No longer confined to mathematics, languages, science, and history, the Achievements now encompass a wide variety of important topics.

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The Watergate Achievement Test is unique because it has an 18-question gap in the middle of it. The major part of this test consists of sentence fill-ins. One example is: "Why don't you tell Dean to give him (     )."

The five choices are: (A) expletive deleted, (B) unintelligible, (C) \$1,000,000, (D) 10 to 20 at San Quentin, or (E) Martha Mitchell. The second part of this test is reading comprehension. One is told to read the Presidential Transcripts and then comprehend why the man is still in office.

Some experimenting has gone into the area of sports tests. The Mets Achievement Test is designed so that the student answers two

questions correctly and then drops the next four. The Rangers Achievement Test is impossible to score on. The most interesting sports examination is the Knicks Achievement Test, where the pencil breaks just as one is about to answer a question.

The Freud Achievement Test is revolutionary in the respect that it contains no questions. The tests are graded on the way each student fills in the oval spaces. The spaces are then enlarged and examined by a panel of experts. There are no numerical marks on this test. Students are judged on the number of hidden perversions revealed in the pencil marks.

## **More Monarchs?**

One of the most provocative of all the examinations is the Television Achievement Test. This test covers all television shows, with special emphasis on commercials. A large part of the test is devoted to analogies. One example question is "carpet: Glory:: wall:—". The five answers are: (A) 'Tidybol', (B) 'Big Walley', (C) 'Stridex', (D) 'Future', or (E) 'Easy Off'. In order to prepare for this

test, several review books have been published including *Great Moments In "Jeopardy"*, *The Partridge Family Papers*, and *An Insight into the Quasi-Psychological Aspects of "Abbot and Costello"*.

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