

Re: Is this math test too easy?

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Mxsmanic <mxsmanic@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:<c8k3q0dfa8g6p099lfoomo48rn7efgvv2p@4ax.com>...

> *Acid Pooh writes:*

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>> *Simple point -- if nobody studies physics or engineering, which are
>> primarily calculus based fields, nobody will be qualified to design
>> new technology.*

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> *Nobody studies physics or engineering today, at least not until high
> school at the earliest.*

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> *I never said that nobody should study such things, I only implied that
> there was little point in teaching them to everyone.*

There is a point -- if nobody were taught basic algebra in middle-high school, colleges would be burdened with teaching their engineering and physics students the material. Presumably, students should have the opportunity to choose what they want to study after high school, instead of being forced into a track system in middle school. Imagine what would happen if one of these high-school physics track students decided to study english instead. They would be six years behind their peers since they only learned what was essential for continuing a physics education.

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>> *Nevermind the fact that there is much more to math
>> than just calculus.*

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> *Yes, but most of it is even less useful than calculus.*

Says one who undoubtedly has *not* taken a proof based course.

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>> *If you don't think mathematics isn't good at
>> developing skills in critical thinking and problem solving, you
>> haven't taken any of merit.*

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> *Or I simply have an opinion that disagrees with yours.*

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Obviously, if you think that mathematics can be learned by rote, you've never taken a proof based course.

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