Incentive Due Dates for This Course – Extra Credit for Virtues in a Pandemic!

In a pandemic, I am trying to get **you** to **invest enough** in this course **early** in the Unit

a) That you are **more** likely to succeed
b) That you **persist to the end of the Unit**.

To get you to do that, **the sooner you act, the more you make**. It does take me coming in more times, but it may help some of you see that you can do this.

For Unit 2, when the pandemic began to have consequences for WCJC about 3/23, we used an announcement that what extra credit you could earn **if you had 80% or more on either the Self-Test or the Full-Test** for **every** quiz in the Unit:

- Started out a 5 – first chance was during the 2nd spring break
- Moved down to 4 and currently to 3, with the **last** chance being if done the day **before** the online Unit 2 Exam starts

For Unit 3, the dates if you have 80% or more for Self-Tests or Full-Tests:

- Start out a 5 if before 4/28 @ 5:30 AM (**Tip**: 5:30 AM is when I usually start work.)
- Move down to 4 if before 4/30 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 3 if before 5/2 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 2 if before 5/3 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 1 if before 5/6 @ 5:30 AM

Example of Meaning of 80% or More on Either Self-Test or Full-Test – Look at the Caution

The day **after** the Incentive Date, I place either a **0** or **1** in a quiz's **Incentive** grade. **You see a 1** if you are correct on **80% or more** of the questions **by the date below**:

- **Either** on the **Self-Test**
- **Or**—if you did **not** get that many right on the Self-Test—on the **Full-Test**.

When you are looking at your Self-Test to see what you missed (and you **should**), count the number of possible questions. **Remember** if you have 80% or more, you do **not** have to do the Full-Test to get full points. (I enter those when the quizzes close.) **Also remember** that 80% is equal to **.8** and **you** do a little math. **Examples:**

- If there are 4 questions on a quiz, you need **.8** X 4 = 3.2. You need at least **3** questions right.
- If there are 10 questions on a quiz, you need **.8** X 10 = 8   You need at least **8** questions right.

> **Caution Using the Easiest Example of These 3 Examples:**
> If the quiz has 10 questions at .01 each:
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> - If you look at the **quiz** itself **(the recommended way)**, having **7** questions right out of 10 is **not** 80%. It is **only** 70%.
> - If you look at the **points** (with decimals, harder for most of us to do quickly) you made, having **.07** is not 80% of .1 It is **only** 70%.   (.8 X .1 = **.08** – Check your calculator.)

- If there are 20 questions on a quiz, you need **.8** X 20 = 16   You need at least **16** questions right.