

## 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** with as many quizzes is comfortable for you, **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5/1 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 2 if before 5/4 @ 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:

- 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%. ( $.8 \times .1 = .08$  – Check your calculator.)
- If there are 20 questions on a quiz, you need **.8 X 20 = 16**. You need at least **16** questions right.