

# CUSTOMER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN KNOWLEDGE TEST (CSTKT) TEST GUIDE

# WHY DO AT&T AND ITS AFFILIATES TEST?

At AT&T, we pride ourselves on matching the best jobs with the best people. To do this, we need to better understand your skills and abilities to make sure that you are indeed the right match for the job. Our ultimate goal is to set you up for success in your career at AT&T (that is, if AT&T is the right match for you). Research has shown that tests provide accurate measures of people's skills and abilities and, therefore, we use tests to identify people who are the best match for the job. Our philosophy is simple...if you succeed in your role, then we succeed as a company.

# WHAT IS THE CUSTOMER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN KNOWLEDGE TEST (CSTKT)?

The CSTKT consists of 104 questions. The topics covered are:

- Personal Computing
- Data Communications
- Digital Logic
- Electronics and Number Systems.

Total testing time is approximately 2 hours.

The scoring of the test is based on the total number of correct answers. Incorrect answers are not counted. There is no penalty for guessing, so it is to your advantage to try as many questions as possible. If unsure about the answer to a question, a careful guess should be made.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO SEE ON THE TEST?

This test guide contains two sample questions. The sample questions are not taken from the actual test, but are examples of the types of questions included in the test. The correct answer and a brief explanation for each sample question is included.

#### **Sample Question 1**

- Q. A formatted double density 3½" diskette from an IBM compatible PC holds approximately 720 Kilobytes. A formatted high density 3½" floppy holds
  - A. 360 Kilobytes
  - B. 1.2 Megabytes
  - C. 1.44 Megabytes
  - D. 1.76 Megabytes
- A. The correct answer is C. The capacity of formatted high density 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" diskette is 1.44 megabytes.



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#### **Sample Question 2**

- Q. If the output of a NAND gate was the input of an inverter gate, what single gate could be used to electrically replace this combination?
  - A. OR
  - B. AND
  - C. NOR
  - D. EXCLUSIVE OR
- A. The correct answer is <u>B</u>. A NAND gate followed by an inverter is electrically identical to an AND gate.

### WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR THE TEST?

At AT&T, our goal in testing is not to cause you to fail; rather, our intent is to set our employees up for success. Remember, we succeed when you succeed. The best way for you to succeed on a given test is to adequately prepare. As illustrated above, the CSTKT requires specific knowledge. Acquiring this knowledge through coursework or independent study is the best way to prepare for this test. Keep in mind, however, that completion of coursework or independent study will not guarantee that you will pass the test.

Here are some additional tips to help you prepare:

- ✓ Gather resources (books, articles, other materials, etc.) that cover the areas measured in this test
- ✓ Study the information carefully
- ✓ Have someone quiz you on the material prior to your testing date
- ✓ Seek out others who have knowledge in this area and may be able to assist you
- ✓ Get a good night's rest the night before your testing session
- ✓ Eat a well-balanced meal an hour before testing

It is important that you have an understanding of the material presented in the course or obtained through independent study.



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## HOW WILL THIS TEST BE ADMINISTERED?

A member of our Staffing team will provide you with the time and location for your testing session. Try to arrive at the location at least 15 minutes before your scheduled test time to give yourself time to relax before the test begins. You may want to bring a jacket or a sweater in case the temperature in the testing location is not to your liking. Feel free to ask questions before the test begins, and be sure you understand the format of the CSTKT.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO PERFORM MY BEST ON THE TEST?

- ✓ Read questions carefully.
- ✓ <u>Think</u> reason out your answer.
- ✓ Answer questions you are sure of first.
- ✓ Reject immediately those answers you know are incorrect.
- ✓ Don't change your answers unless an obvious mistake has been detected.
- ✓ Be aware of the time (make a mental note of the time when the test begins and pace yourself accordingly).

### **RETEST INTERVALS**

If you do not qualify on the CSTKT, do not be discouraged. Perhaps, this would indicate that this position is really not the best match for you. Who knows – perhaps a better, more closely matched opportunity awaits you. If you feel strongly that this is the right position for you, then your first two retest opportunities are at six-month intervals. Subsequent retests are at one-year intervals. However, please note that test standards are periodically updated to reflect current abilities and skills required for our jobs. Therefore, it may be necessary to meet new test standards should they be introduced prior to your placement on the job.

## SUMMARY

When you succeed in your job, AT&T succeeds as a company! Successful completion of the CSTKT qualifies you for possible placement into jobs requiring this test. Additional testing may be required for certain positions. See job briefs in your area for additional testing requirements for titles you are interested in.

#### Thank you for your interest in starting (or expanding) your career at AT&T!

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