# Atticus Skills Assessment Series 

Using one or more of these tests in your hiring process will add more objectivity to your employment decisions and will help you determine the best candidate for your firm. Here is how to use them:

1. Look over the job description to determine the skills needed by the applicants, then match them to the appropriate assessments. Applicants should only be tested on those skills he or she will perform on the job. Do this in advance of the interview appointment.
2. Assemble the appropriate tests and read through the instructions ahead of time. Be prepared to answer any questions that may come up.
3. The test should be administered in a quiet room with no distractions.
4. Provide the applicants with a ballpoint pen and tell them to press firmly to ensure clear answers on the answer sheet.
5. Upon introducing the test, let the applicants know that they will have a specific number of minutes to complete their answers. Tell them, "This test is intended to evaluate the basic qualifications required by the job. You will have $\qquad$ minutes to complete it."
6. Once the candidates have read the test instructions, begin timing the test.
7. When the time limit is reached, say, "Stop!". The candidate should not be allowed to answer any more questions.
8. Thank the candidates for their cooperation.
9. Test results should always be considered along with the other information you have gathered in your hiring process in order to form a complete picture of the candidate. You may want to administer the tests to your own employees to create your own firm-specific benchmark.
10. To score the test, follow the scoring instructions printed on the answer sheet. A low test score indicates that there is a strong probability that the applicant possesses limited abilities in that skill. A high test score indicates that the applicant probably possesses a high level of ability in the skill.
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Below are 20 questions that measure how quickly you can file names, numbers and dates. Place an " $X$ " in the box that identifies the location where you would file the underlined name, number or date. Names should be filed by last name. Look at the example at the right.

You will have 2 minutes to answer as many questions as you can.

Example:
Sue Warminster $\square$ Jim Walker X Charles Watson $\square$ Dennis Wilson $\square$ claude Worster

The name Sue Warminster should be filed after Jim Walker but before Charles Watson. Place the "X" between Jim Walker and Charles Watson.

## STOP HERE UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO BEGIN TEST

1. Matthew Knott
$\square$ Judith Klausch $\square$ $\square$ Glen Knight $\square$Andi KochDale Kraft $\square$
2. $477-1956$
$\square$ 447-1948 $\square$ 457-1960 $\square$ 467-1952 $\square$ 477-1954 $\square$
3. Barry Brodrick
$\square$ Patty Bogart $\square$ Pam Bonn $\square$ Bev Broaden $\square$ Terri Buckland $\square$
4. $05 / 22 / 96$
$\square 07 / 27 / 95 \square 07 / 17 / 96 \square 09 / 04 / 96 \square 01 / 19 / 97 \square$
5. Jennifer DeCampo
$\square$ Ed DeCarlo $\square$ Alex Dillon $\square$ Jean Dobson $\square$ Tony Dressler $\square$
6. 255-81-3653
$\square$ 251-76-7891 $\square$ 267-92-8324 $\square$ 271-04-3720 $\square$ 271-28-1295 $\square$
7. Bradley Jones
$\square$ Bev Jones $\square$ Bonnie Jones $\square$ Bryan Jones $\square$ Carson Jones $\square$
8. 43651833
$\square 43651734 \square 43651827 \square 43651831 \square 43651837 \square$
9. Rose Rosario
$\square$ Paul Resnick $\square$ Bob Revelle $\square$ Miriam Rosario $\square$ Pat Rose $\square$
10. $04 / 20 / 94$
$\square$ 10/31/93 $\square$ 03/25/94 $\square$ 05/01/94 $\square$ 11/17/94 $\square$
11. John Parker
$\square$ Jane Parker $\square$ Joan Parker $\square$ Jon Parker $\square$ Justin Parker $\square$
12. 126-80-1101
$\square 126$-80-2100126-80-3001126-81-0001 $\square$ 126-81-0100 $\square$
13. Beverly Lender
$\square$ AI Landrow $\square$ Don Leighton $\square$ Bill Lender $\square$ Carol Leonti $\square$
14. 15678324
$\square 15678119 \square$ 15678321 $\qquad$ 15678424 $\square$ $15678500 \square$
15. Emma Campbell
$\square$ Doug Calhoun $\square$ Ed Campbell $\square$ Sue Cassell $\square$ May Casselman $\square$
16. May 5,1994
$\square$ Feb. 7, $1994 \square$ Apr. 11, 1994 $\square$ July 28, $1994 \square$ Sept. 3, $1994 \square$
17. Anna Johnson
$\square$ Abby Johnson $\square$ Anne Johnston $\square$ Aaron Jones $\square$ Albert Jones $\square$
18. 02-01-97
$\square 01-01-94$05-07-95 $\square$ 01-08-96 $\qquad$ 01-19-97 $\square$
19. Donald Stilton $\square$ Jan Seal $\square$ $\square$ Wendi Stillman $\square$ Donnie Stilton $\square$ $\square$ Jules Sutton $\square$
20. 54200125
$\qquad$ $54101000 \square 54298258 \square$ $54311011 \square$
$\square$
$\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$
Below are 20 pairs of names, addresses, and number combinations. Look at each pair and decide whether they are exactly the same or different, then put an " $X$ " in the appropriate box. Look at the example to the right.

## Example:

 352-01 352-01X Same $\square$ $\square$ Differen

You will have 2 minutes to answer as many questions as you can.

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| 1. | 4507 S.W. Anderson St. | 4507 S.E. Anderson St. | $\square$ same |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. | 1794468.30 | 1794468.30 | $\square$ Different |
| 3. | Cell\# 818-620-4331 | Cell\# 810-620-4331 | $\square$ same |

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Below are 20 questions that measure how quickly you recognize errors in spelling, word usage punctuation and capitalization. Place an " $X$ " in the box of the most appropriate response.
You will have 5 minutes to answer as many questions as you can.

Sample: $\square$ Her sister, was very nice.
X Her sister was very nice.
$\square$ Her sister were very nice.
$\square$ Her sister, were very nice.

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1. $\square$ There are two options (i.e. yes or no). There are two options (e.g. yes or no). There are two options (e.g., yes or no).There are two options (i.e., yes or no).
2. $\square$ The lawyer's hard work contributed to its success. $\square$ The lawyer's hard work contributed to it's success. The lawyers hard work contributed to its success. $\square$ The lawyers hard work contributed to it's success.
3.How often are the documents revised? How often, are the documents revised?
$\square$ How often are them documents revised?
$\square$ How often, are them documents revised?
3. $\quad \square$ The box, as well as its contents, were removed.
$\square$ The box as well as its contents were removed.The box, as well as its contents, was removed.
$\square$ The box as well as its contents was removed.
5.Chris's project won the top award.
Chris project won the top award. Chri's project won the top award. Chris'es project won the top award.
6.Irregardless of the outcome, she should stay.Irregardless of the outcome she should stay.Regardless of the outcome, she should stay. Regardless of the outcome she should stay.
4. Those paralegals are best friends. Those paralegals is best friends.Them paralegals are best friends.Them paralegals is best friends.
5. $\square$ Their goals was not met. There goals were not met. $\square$ They're goals were not met.Their goals were not met.
6. $\square$ To whom did you refer? $\square$ To whom, did you refer to?To who did you refer to? To who, did you refer to?
7. $\square$ Our companies policy is concise. $\square$ Our companys policy is concise.
Our companie's policy is concise.
Our company's policy is concise.
8. $\square$ If you have this analyses, please give them to Jill. If you have that analyses, please give them to Jill.
If you have those analyses, please give them to Jill.
If you have them analyses, please give them to Jill.
9. 

He stated, "I need this project completed today!" He stated "I need this project completed today!" He stated: "I need this project completed today!" He stated, I need this project completed today!
13.

The secretaries error was very costly.
The secretarys error was very costly.
The secretary's error was very costly.
The secretaries' error was very costly.
14.

The firm is headquartered in Orlando Florida.
The firm is headquartered in Orlando, Florida.
The firm is headquartered in orlando, Florida.
The firm is headquartered in orlando, florida.
15. $\square$ On May 9, 1998 their case went to trial.

On May 9, 1998: their case went to trial.
On May 9, 1998; their case went to trial.
On May 9, 1998, their case went to trial.
16. $\square$ The attorneys' latest case was her best.

The attorneys latest case was her best.
The attorney's latest case was her best.
The attorney's latest case, was her best.
17. $\square$ Of all the jobs I have had, I like this one more.

Of all the jobs I have had, I like this one best.
Of all the jobs I have had, I like this one better.
Of all the jobs I have had, I like this one the greatest.
18.

Was their department at fault?
Was there department at fault?
Were their department at fault?
Was there department at fault?
19.

The senior partner addressed her staff as follows
"We have all done a great job..."
$\square$ The senior partner addressed her staff as follows,
"We have all done a great job..."
$\square$ The senior partner addressed her staff as follows -
"We have all done a great job..."The senior partner addressed her staff as follows.
"We have all done a great job..."
20. $\square$ Soon, president Hill will discuss his intentions. Soon President Hill will discuss his intentions.
Soon president Hill will discuss his intentions.
Soon, President Hill will discuss his intentions. SCORE
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Below is a sample letter. Read the letter and circle the punctuation, spelling and grammar errors. Look at the example to the right.

## Example:

The presentation was asucces.

You will have 3 minutes to answer as many questions as you can.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Buyer
389 Main Street
Orlando, FL 33889
Re: Your recent real estate purchase
Dear Mr. And Mrs. Buyer:
Now that you have closed on your recent purchase and have settled in, I hope you are enjoying you're new home. I want to remind you of some important issues you should now be considerng.

The purchase of real estate is often won of the largest financial comitments a person can make. Properly cared for it can, provide security for you and your family for years. Often neglected is teh need to plan for sudden and unexpected illnes or even death. Therefore, I suggest you review with your insurance agent your life and disability insurance coverages.

In addition, you may want to rewrite any will or trust you may now have. If you do not have a will, trust or an estate plan, you may want to considar it at this time. The cost of these protection deveices is surprisingly low; especially in light of the protection they aford you and your family.

Our office has prepared hundreds of wils or trusts for our cleints and would be delighted to meet with you on the subject. Our initial consultatin is complementary, at which time we can evaluate your situation and advice you of the costs and benefits of various options taylored to your specific needs.

Please feel free to call our office for any maters on which we may assist you.
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John Smith

