

CAASPP
PAUSING RULES
SCENARIOS

Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) Pause Rule Scenarios

Scenario A:

A student is taking the CAT portion of the SBA. A single test page has items 4–10. The student answers items 4–7 and the test is paused for more than 20 minutes.

What happens when the student resumes testing?

- a. The student can change answers to items 4-10 but cannot return to items 1–3 on an earlier page.
- b. The student can change answers to items 4–10 and can return to items 1–3 on an earlier page.
- c. The student is presented with the next page of the test beginning with item 11 and cannot return to items 1-10.

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Scenario B:

A student is taking the CAT portion of the SBA. A page contains items 9–11 and a student answers all of those items before pausing the test. The test is paused for more than 20 minutes.

What happens when the student resumes testing?

- a. The student can change answers to items 9-11 but cannot return to items 1–8 on earlier pages.
- b. The student can change answers to items 9–11 and can return to items 1–8 on earlier pages.
- c. The student is presented with the next page of the test beginning with item 12 and cannot return to items 1-11.

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Scenario C:

A student is taking the CAT portion of the SBA. Prior to a pause, the student navigates back to a previous item on a previous page within the segment and deletes his/her response. The system is paused more than 20 minutes while that student is on that particular item.

What happens when the student resumes testing?

- a. The student is presented with the item that had been deleted prior to pausing the test. After the student answers the item and clicks **[Next]**, the system proceeds to the next unanswered item, skipping items that were previously answered.
- b. The student is presented with the item that had been deleted prior to pausing the test. After the student answers the item, the test proceeds to the next item of the test.
- c. The student is presented with the next page of the test after the item the student previously answered.