Sample Problems for Mechanical and Spatial Reasoning:

Here are some Samples of the skills that will be required for "reading" and "creating" 3-dimensional drawings and solid models in the CAD & Mechanical Design programs.

Part 1: Interpreting Shapes

See how quickly you can determine which finished puzzle matches the disconnected shapes.



Puzzle 3

Puzzle 4

List the proper name of the geometric outline shape in the four puzzle shapes above when they are assembled as shown:

- Puzzle 1: <u>Square</u>
- Puzzle 2: _____
- Puzzle 3: _____
- Puzzle 4: _____

Part 2: Circuit Logic

Answer the circuit design question for each sample below:

Sketch 1:

- What is the least number of switches that would need to be closed for both lights to turn on?
- 2. Which switches would need to be closed to have only one light turn on?





Sketch 2:

3. Which lamps will turn on if only Switch A is closed?

4. Which lamps will turn on if only Switch B is closed?

5. Which lamps will turn on if both switches are closed?

Part 3: Logic and Physics

Swings:

- 1. Which swing shown here will swing back and forth quicker?
- 2. If both swings had the same person using them, which swing would be harder to stop?



Stoplight:

1. Which of the three lights is always the Red light?

2. Can you come up with a couple of reasons why the red light is always in this position for a stoplight at an intersection?

Wrenches, Mechanical Advantage, and Torque:



1. Which wrench shown above would provide the most torque to help remove a stuck bolt?

Gear Drives, Belt Drives, and Ratios:

- 1. Determine which direction the final gear on the right will be turning in this Gear Train:
 - ____ Clockwise ____ Counterclockwise



- 2. In the Gear Set below which Gear will make the shaft turn faster when they run together?
 - ____ Smaller ____ Larger
- 3. How many times faster will it turn? _____ Times (Ratio of ___:1)



4. Which direction will the gear on the right will be turning in this Gear Train:

___ Clockwise ___ Counterclockwise

Folding the Box:

1. Identify which "Flat Pattern" matches the original folded box:





