

## TEST-MAKING

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With the advent of the multiple choice, machine-marked examinations now being used by the Examinations Branch of the Department of Education, and with the advent of Bloom's Taxonomy, more and more concern is being voiced over teacher-made examinations. Generally, teachers find the work of preparing suitable examinations a very difficult task. The Mathematics Council of The Alberta Teachers' Association requested that some guidance be given to teachers which would assist them in preparing examinations. The following publications are strongly recommended:

- No.5 - *Short-cut Statistics for Teacher-made Tests*
- No.4 - *Making a Classroom Test: A Guide for Teachers*
- No.3 - *Selecting an Achievement Test: Principles and Procedures.*

The above are available from Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

The most valuable assistance received by the writer is the kit (also supplied by Educational Testing Service) entitled:

### *Making Your Own Test*

It consists of three filmstrips, three records to accompany the filmstrips, and a set of duplicating masters for a "work kit" to accompany the filmstrips. Copies of the work kit can be made so that the teacher does not have to take notes while watching and listening to the presentation.

The presentation is in three parts:

1. Planning
2. Construction
3. Analysis

The methods of performing the three steps is so simple that the teacher, after viewing the series, will wonder why he has not been following these steps all along. Cost of the kit is about \$30.