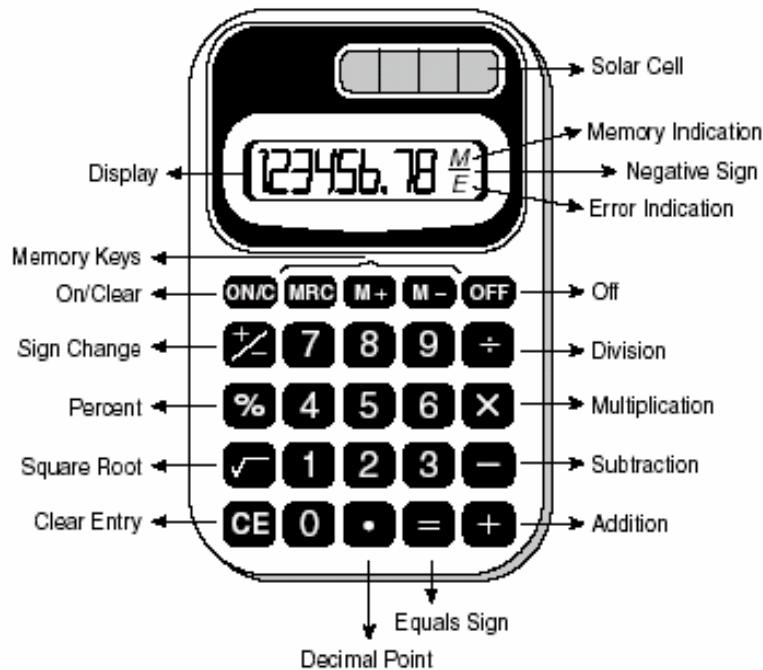


HELPFUL HINTS FOR USING THE CALCULATOR ON THE FCAT SCIENCE TEST

GENERIC MODEL



1. Read the problem very carefully. Then decide whether or not you need the calculator to help you solve the problem.
2. When starting a new problem, always clear your calculator by pressing the clear key.
3. If you see an **E** in the display, clear the error before you begin.
4. If you see an **M** in the display, clear the memory and the calculator before you begin.
5. If the number in the display is not one of the answer choices, check your work. Remember that when computing with certain types of fractions, you may have to round the number in the display.
6. Remember, your calculator will NOT automatically perform the algebraic order of operations.
7. Calculators might display an incorrect answer if you press the keys too quickly. When working with calculators, use careful and deliberate keystrokes, and always remember to check your answer to make sure that it is reasonable.
8. Always check your answer to make sure that you have completed all of the necessary steps.