

# INDIVIDUAL TEST

	Points Earned
36	Points Available
	Percentage

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Select a product you are interested in purchasing and analyze all components carefully to ensure the best decision. Follow the comparison shopping steps to help make your decision.



**Product:** \_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

**Description of product:** (1 point) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Step One:** (3 points)

- How will you use the product?

\_\_\_\_\_

- How long should the product last?

\_\_\_\_\_

- What features do you need?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Step Two:** To determine the quality of products, experimental tests may be conducted. Identify three characteristics to evaluate and write behind the test number. Make careful observations of the characteristic before conducting the test and write all observations after the first bullet. Describe specifically how the tests will be completed after the second bullet, and complete the chart with observations. For a more in-depth evaluation or if product features can not be physically tested, research additional information at [www.consumerreports.com](http://www.consumerreports.com). Use the Consumer Reports information to fill in the blanks below. (21 points – 1 point for each blank)

- Test 1 – \_\_\_\_\_ (characteristic)
  - How does the feature look before conducting the test?

- Specifically describe how the test will be conducted.

- Record any additional notes and your reaction to test 1.

- Test 2 – \_\_\_\_\_ (characteristic)
  - How does the feature look before conducting the test?

- Specifically describe how the test will be conducted.

- Record any additional notes and your reaction to test 2.

- Test 3 – \_\_\_\_\_ (characteristic)
  - How does the feature look before conducting the test?
  
  - Specifically describe how the test will be conducted.
  
  - Record any additional notes and your reaction to test 3.

	Product #1	Product #2	Product #3
	Price: \$ _____	Price: \$ _____	Price: \$ _____
<b>Test 1:</b>	Observation	Observation	Observation
	Before:	Before:	Before:
	After:	After:	After:
	Reaction:	Reaction:	Reaction:
<b>Test 2:</b>	Observation	Observation	Observation
	Before:	Before:	Before:
	After:	After:	After:
	Reaction:	Reaction:	Reaction:
<b>Test 3:</b>	Observation	Observation	Observation
	Before:	Before:	Before:
	After:	After:	After:
	Reaction:	Reaction:	Reaction:

**Step Three:** (1 point)

Are there additional costs that should be considered? If so, please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Step Four:** (3 points)

- How often will you use this product? \_\_\_\_\_
- What type of wear and tear will the product receive? \_\_\_\_\_
- How does the product's use impact the final decision on which to purchase? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Step Five:** (7 points)

- Describe the opportunity costs that should be considered when making the final product decision.

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- Carefully review all information recorded from the five steps of the comparison shopping process and from the experimental tests before making a final decision. Record your final decision and identify five supporting reasons why the product you selected is the best choice.
- Final Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

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