Is A Distance Learning Math Class For You?

The following survey may help you decide whether a distance learning math class is right for you. You will need paper and a pencil (or pen) to complete the survey. Please choose one answer for each question and then score as directed below.

1. I usually complete homework and other assignments
   a. on time
   b. at the last minute
   c. past the deadline

2. I am considering taking a distance learning class
   a. because the flexibility fits into my schedule
   b. to add another course to a full load
   c. because I can never seem to make it to my campus classes

3. In doing math homework,
   a. I can often do it with little or no additional help
   b. I frequently require tutoring or the help of the solutions manual
   c. I rarely finish without help

4. If I am having difficulty with an assignment,
   a. I get help as soon as possible, usually within a couple of days
   b. I put it off until the week of the exam
   c. I hope it won't be worth too much on the test and concentrate on things I can do

5. Mathematics textbooks are
   a. easy for me to follow
   b. easy to follow, but I would prefer to have the instructor explain them to me
   c. confusing and frustrate me

6. When it comes to math, I consider myself to be
   a. naturally good at it
   b. calm and determined
   c. "math-phobic"

7. When I turn in work,
   a. I can move on to the next assignment while waiting for feedback
   b. I need feedback within a few days
   c. I need immediate feedback
8. Face to face meetings with my instructor and my classmates
   a. are not important to me
   b. are helpful but not essential
   c. are very important to me

9. When asked to utilize new skills and technologies as a learner,
   a. I embrace the challenge and enjoy trying new things
   b. I am hesitant to take risks, but I am persistent and determined
   c. I am very uncomfortable and need someone to help or explain things to me

10. As a learner, I would classify myself as being
    a. highly independent
    b. somewhat independent
    c. dependent

Scoring the Survey:
Please score your answers by giving yourself three points for every "a", two points for every "b", and zero points for every "c".

Analyzing the Score:
If you scored from 20-30, you are probably suited for a distance learning class. You are an independent learner who doesn't need constant supervision, and you have the self-discipline to complete tasks on time.

If you scored from 10-20, you probably need to think very carefully about signing up for a distance learning class. If you do decide to take a telecourse or internet class, please realize that you will probably have to adjust your learning strategies to maximize your potential for success.

If you scored from 0-10, you are probably more well suited for the traditional classroom at this time.

Important Note:
Your level of success in any course is determined by a multitude of factors. The survey presented above is meant to give you an indication of your aptitude for distance learning courses and is in no way a guarantee for success or failure in any course or program.