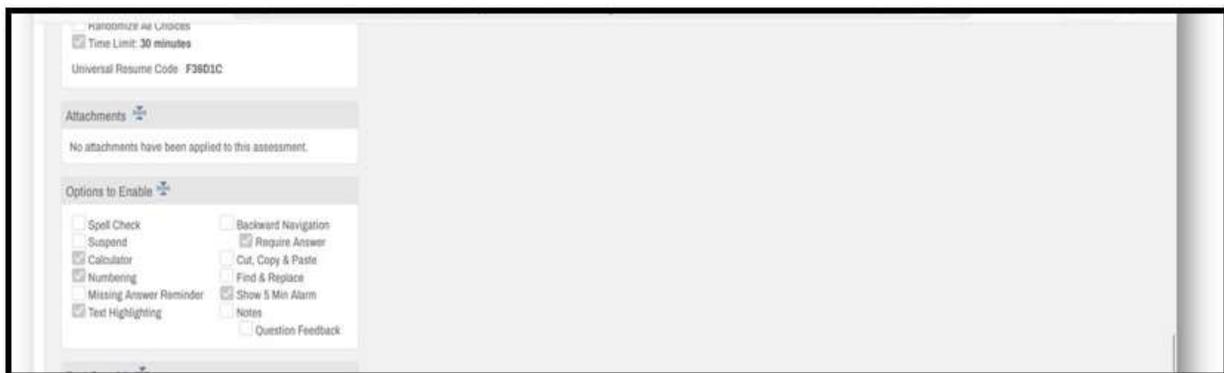# Examplify Basic and Scientific Calculator Tools

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The calculator tools available in Examplify play a critical role in supporting student testers during secure online assessments. When enabled by the instructor, these tools allow students to perform required calculations without leaving the testing environment, helping preserve exam security while reducing unnecessary stress and cognitive load for students.
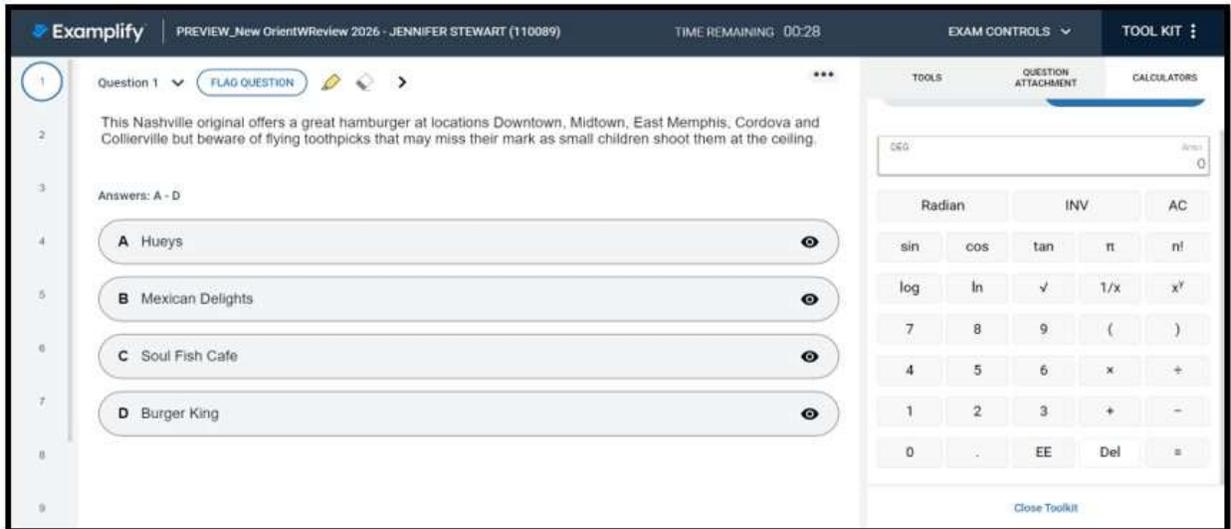
Exam creators can enable this feature in the Options to Enable tab. The calculator tool is that it can be used to perform calculations without exiting the secure testing environment.

BASIC CALCULATOR TOOL

The Examplify basic calculator is an embedded, on-screen tool that can be accessed through the Tool Kit menu in the top-right corner of the exam screen, when permitted by the exam creator in the Options to Enable tab. This calculator remains available throughout the entire assessment and may be used for multiple questions as needed.
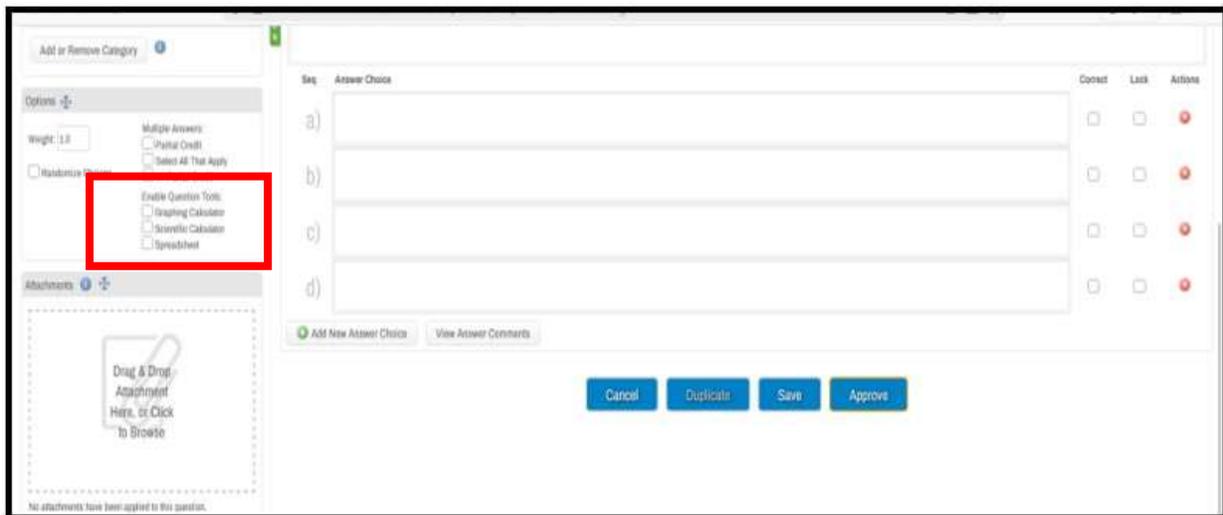
Students access the calculator by selecting the Tool Kit from the top-right corner of the screen and choosing the Calculator tab. Because the tool is built directly into Examplify, students can complete calculations without exiting the exam or compromising test security.
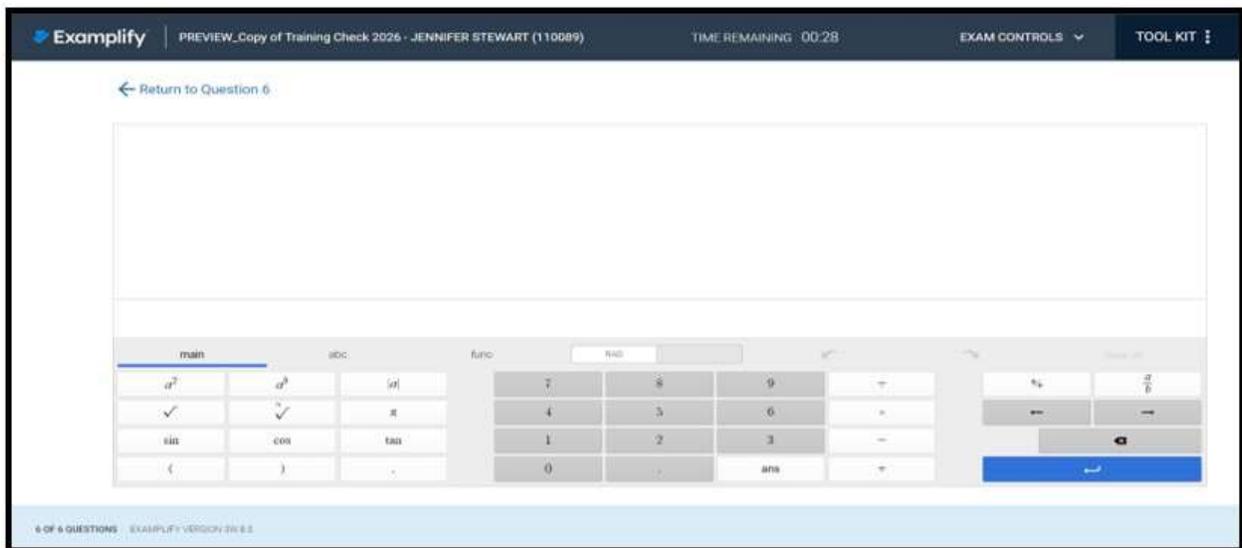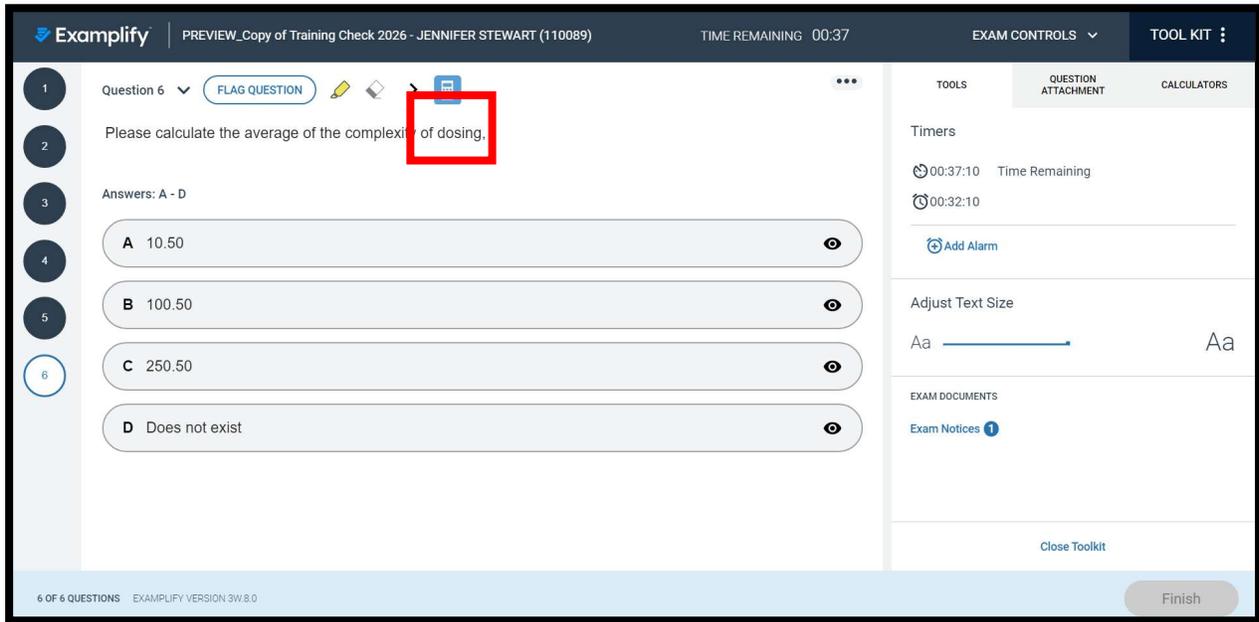
SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR TOOL

For more complex, math-intensive questions, instructors may enable the scientific calculator at the individual question level during exam creation. When applied, a calculator icon appears in the question stem, clearly indicating to students that advanced calculation support is available for that specific question.

You can read more about the scientific calculator here.

When students select the calculator icon, the full scientific calculator opens. After completing their calculations, students select Return to Question to close the tool and continue the exam.

If you have questions about enabling or using calculator tools in Examplify, please submit a Tech Connect Ticket, and a team member will follow up with you.