## DOUGLASCOLLEGE ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

## **Blackboard Online Quiz Tips for Students**

Review these helpful tips before taking an online quiz/test/exam in Blackboard.

## Ensuring optimal performance of your laptop:

- 1. Regularly install updates on your computer so that your computer doesn't force installation when you are about to write a quiz.
- 2. Check your computer is free of viruses and spyware by running regular security checks.
- 3. Fully charge your battery before taking the quiz.
- 4. Connect to a wired high-speed internet connection if possible.
- 5. Use the latest version of **Firefox** or **Chrome** browsers on your computer. You can check your browser compatibility here: <u>Blackboard Browser check</u>

## Tips for taking quizzes:

- 1. Put all mobile devices on airplane mode during an exam/test to avoid overloading the wireless internet.
- 2. Close all browser windows.
- 3. **Do NOT start answering questions until the entire page has loaded**. Watch your browser status bar to verify the entire page has loaded.
- 4. **NEVER use the forward/backward/refresh buttons on your browser**. You may get locked out of the test.
- 5. **NEVER use the mouse scroll wheel** to advance to the next question because it may accidentally change your answer to the question you just completed.
- 6. Be patient while waiting for pages to load once you click to progress to the next question, to save, or to submit. **Do NOT double-click.**
- 7. SAVE your answers after each question.
- 8. Click SAVE and SUBMIT once you have completed the test. Do NOT close the browser window or navigate to another site until you see the confirmation page.
- 9. Do NOT ignore warning messages. Let your instructor know if you have a warning message.