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The PPT (pizza proficiency test) is a type of SOPI (simulated outright pizza indulgence), not to be confused with an OPI (outright pizza indulgence). That is, you won’t actually be allowed to eat pizza. Rather, you will be faced with situations and functions that would normally be encountered in interaction with an actual pizza. You will be asked to role-play these various possible interactional situations and functions, and you will then be rated by a panel of trained pizza indulgence experts. Examples of tasks you will be faced with include: crust versus middle-first consumption, lifting hot slices without spillage, and the stomaching of onions and anchovies. In order to ensure the validity of these ratings, further corroboration will be solicited from native pizza informants, including the "Noid" (native to Domino’s), a Pizza Hut delivery person, and the Little Ceasar’s "pizza, pizza" guy.

This test has been designed to allow you to demonstrate your ability to eat pizza. Therefore, in response to each item you should:

--eat as much as you can
--eat in the manner most natural for you
--show what damage you can inflict on a pizza

You will not be judged on your eating style. If fork and knife is what you are used to, then feel free to jab and slice away. On the other hand, if hand to mouth is more comfortable, then by all means...

It is our hope that the ratings you receive will give you a good idea of the capabilities you will have when faced with actual pizza indulgence situations. Furthermore, our raters are trained to measure global pizza indulgence proficiency. As such, this will not be a measure of achievement. It does not matter how many pizzas you have indulged in in the past, nor is it important when you last indulged. We will tell you whether or not, and to what extent, you are proficient--after all, we made up the rating scales (and we will be doing the weighing, so to speak).
Anyway, Good Luck. You should get some fresh air, but by no means should you have a good breakfast, before you come to the test site.

*The PPT will soon be available for hungry consumers around the globe.*

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