

Mess free Multiple Choice Question Test Strategies

- Read the entire question and underline the key words.
- Answer it in your mind first without reviewing the choices.
- Eliminate answers you know are 100% wrong. Process of elimination – cross out the wrong ones and focus on the remaining answers.
- Read every answer option.
- Select the best answer. Many answers may seem correct but pick the best one of them all.
- Answer the questions you know first.
- Make an educated guess – only if it will not count against your score.
- Pay attention to words like not, sometimes, always, never, etc. These are catch words. If the answer is “always”, then you should never be able to find a counter example. If you do, then “always” is not correct. If the answer includes “never”, a single counter example will indicate the answer is not correct.
- Usually, it is best to stick with the first choice if you knew the answer. But if you guessed it, make a note on the question, go back, and revisit the question and your answer choice. Do not second guess all your choices.
- Be watchful when you encounter "all of the above" and "none of the above". If one of the options is incorrect, then the answer cannot be “all of the above”.
- When there are 2 seemingly best answers, and one of the answer choices is “all of the above”, then it is probably the right choice.
- Most times, correct answers contain more information.



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