

Multiple Choice Tests

Strategy for Approaching Multiple Choice Questions

Read all questions before you begin. Circle or underline key words.

Answer questions in order. Mark the questions you are unable to answer.

Anticipate the answer before reading the choices.

Read all the options before you select an answer, even if the first one seems correct.

Eliminate obviously incorrect options. Usually you can narrow down a question to one or two good answers.

Keep in mind the words: **always**, **never**, **all** and **none** *tend to be incorrect* options; the words: **sometimes**, **seldom**, and **many** *tend to be correct*.

Favor conservative statements. Phrases such as “may sometimes be” or “can occasionally result in” are more often correct.

Be aware of grammatical construction. The correct answer to an item which ends in “an” would obviously be an option starting with a vowel.

Review the test. Use acquired information in working through the unanswered questions.

After you have narrowed the options, actively reason to find the best answer. Read the question, adding each possible answer.

Check your answers. Change a response only if you have read a question incorrectly. Make an educated guess if you do not know the answer.

Answer all questions!