

MULTIPLE-CHOICE EXAM TIPS FOR TEST SUCCESS

A. Before the Test

1. Study and know the material before the exam! This will give you confidence going in.
 - a. Strive for understanding, not just surface-level knowledge or answer memorization.
 - b. Practice explaining what you learn, either to an actual person or just to yourself in your head — you don't really understand something unless you can teach it.
2. Take practice exams to pinpoint weak areas and focus on studying those.
3. Don't cram. Spread your learning over days or weeks.
4. Get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive early for the test to avoid added stress.



B. During the Test

1. Answer the questions you're sure of first to build confidence and momentum.
2. Skip questions that you're unsure of and come back later — future questions may contain helpful information!
3. Rely on your first instinct. When in doubt, only change your initial answer if you have a strong reason.
4. Avoid over analyzing.
5. Since there's no penalty for wrong answers, ensure that every question on the test is answered, even if it's just a random choice.
6. Use any remaining test time to double-check your answers.

C. Examining the Questions

1. Pay attention to the grammar of the question to ensure that the answer aligns (e.g., singular vs. plural).
2. Transform double negatives into positive statements in your mind before reading the choices.
3. Come up with an answer in your head before reading the choices to see if it matches an option — and select it if it does.

D. Analyzing the Answers

1. Use the process of elimination to increase your chances of selecting the correct answer; rule out any obviously wrong answer choices first.
2. Be wary of absolute statements like "all," "never," and "always" — in most cases, these are false.
3. If two answers are exactly opposite, one of those two is probably correct; likewise, if two options are very similar, one of those is probably correct.
4. When you have no idea of the correct answer, choose the longest answer if possible, as the test writer likely put the most detail into the correct answer.