



Academic Support Center

Multiple Choice Test Taking Strategies

College entrance exams, classroom tests, and most other examinations contain multiple-choice questions. Since you will no doubt encounter these types of tests if you are preparing to enter college, learning some test taking strategies will be very beneficial.

- Read a question in its entirety before glancing over the answer options.
- After reading a question, answer it in your mind before reviewing the answer options. This will help you prevent yourself from talking yourself out of the correct answer.
- Eliminate answer options, which you're 100 percent, sure are incorrect before selecting the answer you believe is right.
- Read every answer option prior to choosing a final answer.
- Make an educated guess if you do not know the answer if it will not count against your score.
- It is best to stick with the answer you first chose after reading the question. It can be counterproductive to constantly alter answers.
- When you encounter "All of the above" and "None of the above" answer choices, do not select "All of the above" if you are pretty sure an answer is incorrect. The same applies for "None of the above" if you are pretty sure an answer is true.
- When two answers are correct in multiple choice questions with an "All of the above" option, then it's probably correct.
- In most circumstances, a positive option is probably true if there is also a negative one.
- In many cases, the correct answer usually contains more information than the other options. This is good to know if you must guess.