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# **30 INSTANT TIPS FOR MULTIPLE CHOICE TESTS**



- 1. Put your name on the test first so you don't forget to do this at the end!**
- 2. Read all directions carefully! Reading them once is good, reading them twice is better!**
- 3. Ask if you can write on the test, and if so, take advantage of this!**
- 4. Be sure to mark the correct answers on the answer sheet. You don't want to lose points for circling a different answer than the one you intended!**
- 5. Make sure you copy any work you do on scratch paper over to the answer key correctly!**
- 6. Don't assume simple answers are wrong just because they seem too obvious; most tests will**



have at least a few simple “gimmes.”

7. As long as there is no penalty for guessing, **NEVER** leave any question blank!
8. If you're confused about what a question is asking, try rephrasing it in your own words
9. Make sure the wording in the question and the answer choice you've chosen agree grammatically
10. Sometimes teachers include silly answers as a joke. **DON'T** put them down as guesses!
11. If you have to guess between true or false, pick true - it's statistically more likely to be correct!
12. Whenever you eliminate an answer, cross out the whole thing rather than just the letter in front of it (if you're allowed to write on the



test)!

- 13. Questions with answer choices like *all of the above* or *which of the following is false* can be great reservoirs of information for questions you're stuck on.**
- 14. If two answer choices are very similar to each other, but not to any of the other answers, chances are one of the two is correct!**
- 15. Longer answers are correct more often than shorter answers (and even more so when an answer is the more precise answer)**
- 16. When multiple answers seem plausible, pick the answer that seems the most plausible!**
- 17. Make sure the answer you picked actually answers the question!**



- 18. Read each question, and then think about the answer before you go to the choices.**
- 19. Be skeptical of answer choices that contain *absolutes* - words such as *never*, *all*, *none*, *always*, and *must*.**
- 20. When using *process of elimination*, always try to make an argument for why an answer choice is wrong before you eliminate it. NEVER eliminate an answer just because it doesn't feel right!**
- 21. Go with *All of the above* if you're sure at least 2 of the answers are correct.**
- 21. Keep moving! Never spend too much time on any one question!**
- 22. A good rule of thumb is that if you can't answer a question within about a minute, put a guess down, mark the question, and come**



**back to it later.**

- 23. Not sure if you should stick with your first guess? Make an argument for why each answer choice is correct. Whichever you can make the better argument for is the winner.**
- 24. Take deep, slow, calming breaths as you take the test. This will help keep you grounded and will help with test taking anxiety.**
- 25. Rule out vague answer choices that don't have much information in them.**
- 26. Watch out for *distractors* - answers that are similar to the correct answer, designed to throw you off!**
- 27. Treat each question as a new question!**
- 28. Don't stress out about looking for answer choice patterns. Some professors write answers keys that may have B as the correct**



**answer for 5 questions in a row (or something like this), so don't second guess yourself if something like this happens on your test!**

**29. Remember, you don't have to get *every* question right to get a good grade. You just have to get most right.**

**30. Thorough reparation for tests is always your best line of defense.**

**You've finished reading all 30 tips. Congratulations for taking steps towards improving your test taking skills! Now it's time to put them into play on your next multiple choice test!**

## ***What's Next?***

**There's so much more to multiple choice tests than just what I was able to cover here. If you want to take the next step towards mastery, you'll want to get the [Master Multiple Choice Tests course!](#)**

**Thanks for reading!**



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