Taking Multiple Choice Test

Before the test

- Find out from your teacher if guesses are deducted from the total or not.
- Find out which topics will be covered on the test if it is comprehensive, and how many points it is worth.
- Bring two or three sharp pencils, an eraser, and a flat, smooth Scantron™ sheet if your teacher requests one.
- Study! Study! Study!

During the test

- Read the instructions carefully.
- Scan the test to see where the easy and hard questions are and decide how to budget your time.
- Read the questions carefully
- Answer the easy questions first
- Answer the questions that need thought next.
- If guesses are not penalized, answer every question, even if you have to guess.
- Check your answer if you have time. Do not change an answer unless you are absolutely sure of the change.

Guessing on Multiple Choice Test

1. Look for answers to one question in other test items.
2. The more specific an answer is, the more likely it is to be correct.
3. Look for answers based on grammar

*Example:* Shmemahs are found to inhabit an __________.

   A. cortical rotes
   B. arribal noyeter
   C. torrestial Rasputin

Choice B is the only possible choice, since the word “an” must be followed with a word beginning with a vowel.

4. Read the “stem” (the beginning) and finish the phrase in your mind before you look at the answers.

*Example:* The capital of Canada is

   A. Vancouver
   B. Montreal
   C. Quebec
   D. Ottawa

Try reading only “The capital of Canada is..” and answer the question from your memory. Then search for the right answer from the options. This way you won’t be confused or distracted by other choices.
5. Read the “stem” and look at each question as a True/False question.

Example: The capital of Canada is
A. Vancouver (F)
B. Montreal (F)
C. Quebec (?)
D. Ottawa

(This is the correct answer. Remember)

6. Read all of the answers. Don’t just choose the first one that seems right.

Example: A well designed diet contains
A. a balance of the food groups.
B. less than 30% of calories from fat.
C. high amounts of carbohydrates.
D. all of the above

The answer is (D), since all of the answers are correct.

7. Eliminate distracters (wrong answers which include:

- all, never, everybody, invariably, always (because there are usually some exceptions to any statement).
- Highest and lowest numbers (dates, percents, etc) (Because teachers will try to distract you with numbers either side of the correct one).

8. Look for similar answers. One is likely to be correct.

Example: When the fat content of milk is emulsified, the milk is said to be
A. homogenous
B. pasteurized
C. vitamin enriched
D. homogenized

“Homogenized” and “homogenous” are similar answers and one of them is likely to be correct.

9. If “all of the above” is an option and if you cannot eliminate any of the answers, then that is probably the answer.

- ALL OF THE ABOVE

10. If none of these things work, select either (B) or (C) and mark every guessed item with the same letter.

Question 2 (1 point)

How many colors can an 8-bit graphics adapter card support?

- 16
- 256
- 16 million
- 64 thousand

Save Answer