

Strategies for Taking Multiple Choice Tests

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The majority of tests in college are multiple choice exams. Here are some strategies to help you when taking these tests.

- Read the questions and think of the answer before looking at the choices.
- Do the easy questions first.
- Treat answers as true and false statements.
- Absolute terms such as always, more, and all, are more often wrong than right.
- Qualifiers such as most, often, and sometimes, are more often right than incorrect.
- Eliminate obviously incorrect answers to narrow down your choices.
- Answer every question.
- Pay attention to negative words or for when the question asks you to find the exception.
- All of the above is more often correct than incorrect.
- None of the above is more often incorrect than correct.
- Go over the questions and your answers.
- If two choices mean the same thing they are more likely to be wrong.
- Know how much time is allowed.
- If two options are opposites one is probably correct.
- Be wary of grammatical options that do not fit the question.

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