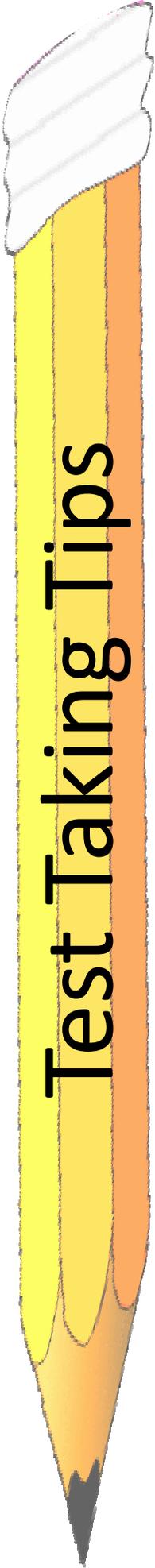


## MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST TAKING TIPS



# Test Taking Tips

1. Before you begin a multiple choice test, you should always:
  - A. Remember you are looking for the BEST answer, not only the CORRECT answer!
  - B. Read the directions carefully.
  - C. Preview the test and know how much time is allowed.
  - D. Know if each question has one or more correct options and if you are penalized for guessing a wrong answer.
  - E. All of the above
2. As you look at each question, do the following:
  - A. Read the question before you look at the answer.
  - B. Always cover up the possible responses with your hand or a piece of paper, while you read the questions—first try to answer on your own.
  - C. Eliminate answers you know are not correct.
  - D. Read all the choices before choosing your answer.
  - E. All of the above
3. If you can write on your test, do the following:
  - A. Circle the action word—what is the questions asking?
  - B. Cross out the easily eliminated wrong answer.
  - C. Question options that grammatically do not fit with the stem such as “an”
  - D. Question options that contain negative or absolute words such as “always” or “never”; instead pick “usually” and “probably”.
  - E. All of the above
4. “All of the above” and “none of the above” are tricky because:
  - A. If you are certain one of the statements is true, do not pick “none of the above”.
  - B. If one of the statements is false, do not chose “all of the above”.
  - C. if you see that at least two answers are correct, then the answer is probably “all of the above”.
  - D. Be wary of answering too many questions with “all “or “none”.
  - E. All of the above
5. Some good multiple choice hints include:
  - A. A positive choice is more likely to be true than a negative one
  - B. Usually the correct answer is the choice with the most information.
  - C. If there are two answer options that are almost identical—one is usually the answer.
  - D. If you are guessing, chose B or C; response A is least likely to be the answer.
  - E. All of the above
6. More detailed multiple choice testing hints are:
  - A. Look for verbal associations—a response that repeats key words that are in the question is likely to be correct.
  - B. The longest choice is often the correct one, test makers tend to load tests with qualifying adjectives or phrases.
  - C. When double negatives are in the answer choice, create the equivalent positive statements before answering.
  - D. If two answers seem correct, compare them for differences, then refer to the question to find your best answer.
  - E. All of the above