Mastering Multiple Choice Questions



Do you have a case of MCTA?

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You are not alone. Research shows that you can actually do worse on a multiple choice test NOT because of the questions, but because of how you feel about the test!

5 Reasons to Feel Good About Multiple Choice Questions

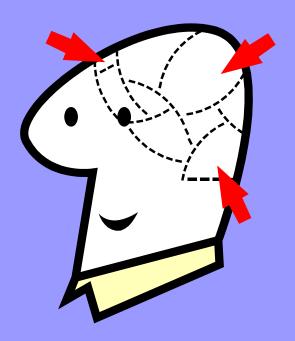
1. The answer is given to you! What could be easier?



2. You can guess!



3. Basic brainwork.

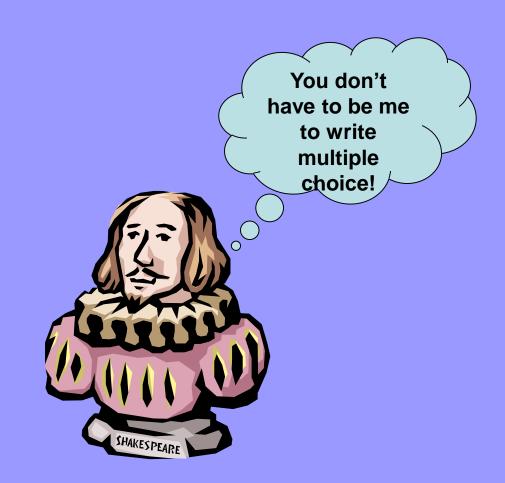


4. More questions . . . wait, doesn't that make it harder?

More questions means that each question is worth less overall!!



5. Grammar don't count!



5 Ways To Improve Your Success On Multiple Choice Questions

1. Read the question carefully! Circle, highlight or underline key words. Pay special attention to words that narrow response options like *principal*, *primary*, *major*.

2. Predict an answer BEFORE looking at alternatives.



3. Answer the questions you know first, and go back to the more difficult ones later.



4. Eliminate the distractions. Analyze the options as true/false questions. In negatively worded questions (i.e which of the following is NOT . . .) put a T or F beside each option than select the false statement.

5. If the first option is a correct one, look at the last option to make sure it is not an "all of the above option" or "none of the above" option.

In other words, read to the end . . . all possible answers!

Three Commandments

- 1. Answer all questions.
- 2. Don't be afraid to guess . . . but still put some thought into it.
- 3. Leave time to check over you answers.



Now you are ready for . . .

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