

# Managing Multiple Choice Exams

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# What Is A Multiple Choice Exam?

- A compilation of questions on a subject area that require you to choose one of four listed answers.
- It measures the students' recall ability in a particular subject area.





# About Multiple Choice Exams

- Its easier that open ended questions – some answers are so close that it is almost impossible to tell the correct answer.
- When in doubt, choose 'C'.
- Make a pattern with your answers for luck.
- It takes less brain power to complete – it actually requires more thinking to transform your thoughts into one of the four answers on the question.
- It does not require in-depth studying – you must know your subject area very well to pass as the questions and answers are often very similar.
- You do not need to check it over – checking over is a must with every exam!

# Types Of Multiple Choice Questions



- Factual – questions are based on facts on the subject matter.
- Conceptual – questions require you to think about and reflect on what you have learnt. It is not straight forward and involves the intricacies of the concept.
- Applied – questions are intended to be applied by using a known concept in an unfamiliar situation.

# 14 Tips On Taking Multiple Choice Exams

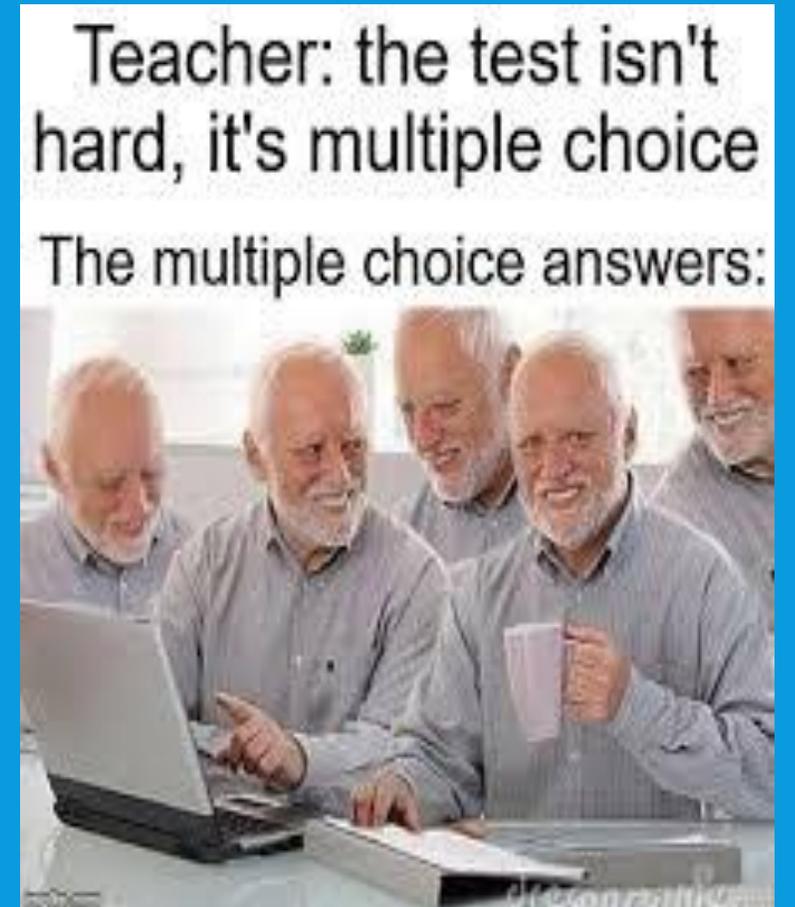
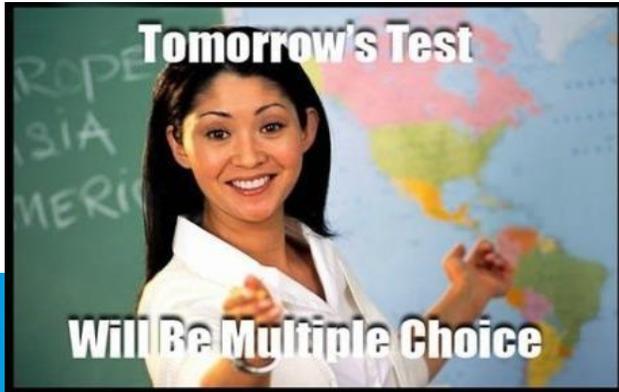
- 1 - Read the entire question – do not read part of the question and assume you know what it is asking.
- 2 - Answer in my mind first – read the question, think it through and answer it in your mind before marking your paper.
- 3 - Eliminate wrong answers – most times there are obviously wrong answers that you can eliminate before finding the correct one.
- 4 – Use the process of elimination – when all the answers are similar, read through each one and eliminate the ones that are least likely to be correct.
- 5 – Select the best answer – most times the 3 out of 4 answers fit the question, but it is important to select the best answer for the question.

# 14 Tips On Taking Multiple Choice Exams Cont'd

- 6 – Read every answer option – do not select the first answer you read, read all of them and then choose one.
- 7 – Answer the easy questions first – answer the questions that you know for sure first, sometimes it gives you insight into the other questions.
- 8 – Make an educated guess – when you are really unsure of the answer, try to eliminate at least two of the answers and make an educated guess.
- 9 – Pay attention to these words: NOT, SOMETIMES, ALWAYS and NEVER : these words like these either look for a counterexample (not, sometimes) or are irrefutable (always, never).
- 10 – The more information the better – the correct answer is usually the longest answer with the most details.

# 14 Tips On Taking Multiple Choice Exams Cont'd

- 11 – Do not keep changing your answers – it is best to stick to your first answer but be aware of two types of answers; an answer that seems logical but is ultimately incorrect or the best answer.
- 12 – 'All of the above' and 'None of the above' – this is not a go to answer, instead read over the question and answers and make sure that there are no single best answer before selecting one of these.
- 13 – When it seems like there are two correct answers – now is the time to select 'all of the above', if that is not an option, then select with an educational guess.
- 14 – Bet on a positive option – in most cases, the positive option is right when there is a negative one.



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