

Multiple Choice Test Taking Strategies

- 1) Read the *directions*.
- 2) Read the *title*.
- 3) Look at *pictures*/images and any outstanding *text features* (bold, italics, etc.)
- 4) Skim the *questions*.
- 5) Read the passage and *underline details* that will help you answer the questions.



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- 6) Use the *process of elimination* to get rid of inappropriate answers.
- 7) Select the *best* answer for the question.
- 8) If time allows, review your answers – especially those that you were unsure of.

Process of Elimination

Eliminate :

- Choices that contradict (say the opposite of) what you remember from the passage.
- Any two answers that are basically saying the same thing.
- Seem extreme in tone.
- Choices that do not make sense.



***NEVER ELIMINATE AN ANSWER CHOICE THAT YOU DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF OR ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH BECAUSE IT MAY BE THE CORRECT ANSWER. FOCUS ON ELIMATING ANSWERS THAT YOU *KNOW* ARE INCORRECT.

Other Helpful Tips



- **Opposite Answer Choices:** If two answer choices are opposites, it is *likely* that one of them is correct.
- **‘All of the Above’ Choice:** If at least two of the three answers seem correct, ‘all of the above’ is *likely* the answer.
- **Using Other Parts of the Exam:** Often times, you may find the answer to a particular question in another section of the exam. If you are struggling with a question at the end of an exam, skim the other parts of the exam for any answer clues.