MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST TAKING TIPS

 Review the test quickly – calculate how much time you have per question and pace yourself.
 Read each question carefully – even 2 or 3 times, but don’t dedicate too much time to any question.
 Try to come up with your own answer before reviewing the answer choices
 Before you begin eliminating answers, make sure you understand what you are being asked and specifically look out for the word “NOT” in the question.
 Make sure you read through every answer even if you are sure the first and second is correct.
 Answer easy questions first, save challenging ones for last.
 Eliminate answers you have are incorrect. If you have four possible answers and you can eliminate two you’ve increased your odds for a correct answer to 50%.
 Underline key words.
 Mark each alternative as true++, true? false++, false? Or?
 Pay close attention to the grammar of the question that it matches the answer you’ve chosen.
 Usually your first choice is the right one. Don’t change your answer unless you miss-read the question. In general, don’t change your first choice unless you have a compelling reason to do so.
 If opposite answers are given as choices, one of them is often the right answer.
 A positive choice is more likely to be true than a negative one.
 Leave no blanks – if there is no guessing penalty, always take an educated guess and select an answer.

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