

Helpful Hints For Taking A Multiple Choice Test

Read the question and try to answer it BEFORE looking at the answers.

1. *The capital of Ontario is:*

Cover the choices and think about what you would give as an answer. Then, look for your answer in the choices given. By thinking of the answer *first*, you are less likely to be fooled by a wrong answer.

Now read all the choices.

1. The capital of Ontario is
- A) Ottawa
 - B) London
 - C) Mississauga
 - D) Toronto

Make sure you look at all the answers before making your final choice:

2. Toronto can be described as Ontario's
- A) capital city
 - B) largest city
 - C) busiest city
 - D) all of the above

Even though (A) is true, (D) is the correct answer. It is important to read all the answers and not just take the first correct answer you see.

If the question asks you something you are not sure of, see if you can cross out any of the wrong answers before you guess.

3. The capital of Alberta is
- A) Toronto
 - B) Calgary
 - C) Edmonton
 - D) Quebec City

You do know that A) Toronto and D) Quebec City are not in Alberta, so cross out (A) and (D). That leaves (B) Calgary and (C) Edmonton. You now have a 50/50 chance of getting it right, just by guessing. The correct answer is D) Edmonton.

Look at every detail in the question. (Notice "National" in this list. That makes a big difference.)

Sometimes the question will seem to have more than one answer:

4. Which of the following is a national capital city?
- A) Ottawa
 - B) Calgary
 - C) Edmonton
 - D) Toronto

Circle any questions that you are not sure about. Finish the rest of the test.

After you have tried the whole test, go back to the questions you circled. Try them again.

See if you can answer them now. Take as much time as you have left. Look for a clue in the topic of the test, in other questions or in the question itself. If you still cannot answer the question, then guess! **Never leave a blank on a multiple-choice test.**

Never leave a question unanswered on a multiple choice test. It is always worth a try.