

Test-Taking Strategies Worksheet

Multiple Choice Strategies

Process of Elimination

- eliminate answers you know are incorrect
- details are important -- look for subtle differences in answers
- use the root of the question to find key words that reappear in answer choices
- go beyond the facts; does the reasoning make sense?
- there may be more than one factually "right" answer, but you need to find the one that fits the question stem

Intelligent Deduction

- Making an educated guess, even when unsure
- Do this only AFTER you've gone through and eliminated incorrect answers
- Beware of absolute certainties
- If two answers are complete opposites, usually one of them is right
- If you can't decide, choose what feels right

Memory Techniques

Techniques to Enhance Learning

- Selectivity (identify and separate main ideas)
- Association (linking pieces of info)
- Visualization (mental pictures)
- Elaboration (ask why and how)
- Concentration (eliminate distractions)
- Recitation (explaining stuff out loud)
- Intention (plan of action)
- Big and little pictures (big goals vs. smaller goals)
- Feedback (checks how well you know the material)
- Organization (arrange ideas how they make sense to you)

Mnemonic Devices

- Acronyms
- Chaining
- Image-Name Technique
- Numbers to words
- Rhymes

General Test-Taking Strategies



