

Tips for Success: Mastering Multiple-Choice Tests

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Learning Goals

Preparing
for the Test

I will be able to prepare for a test using a variety of techniques.

Controlling
Anxiety

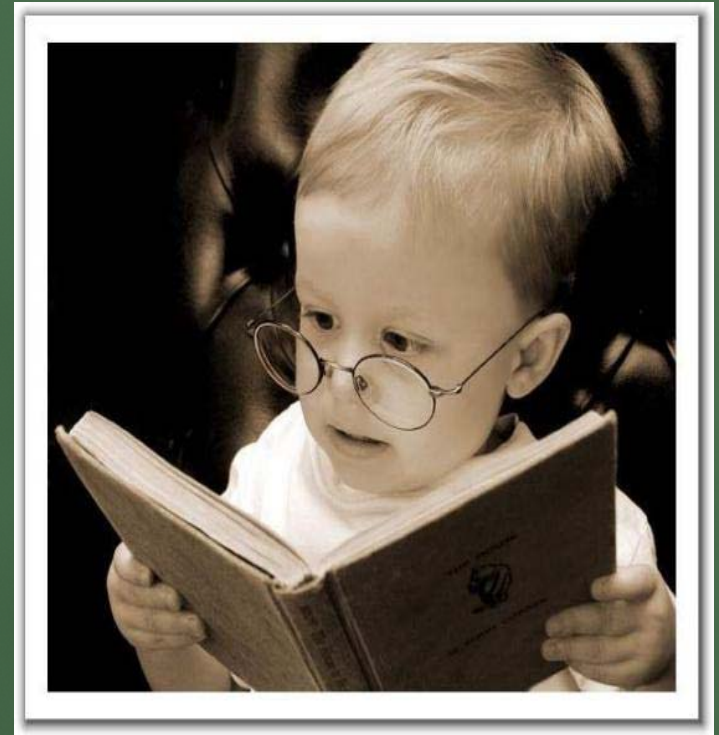
I will be able to use strategies to help minimize anxiety.

Multiple
Choice
Strategies

I will be able to use strategies to successfully identify correct answers.

Preparing for the Test

- Set a “realistic” study schedule and begin studying early
- Identify what concepts are most important
- Try to identify the content of the questions you will be asked



Preparing for the Test

- Do not simply memorize facts
- Actively summarize
- Study with other well-prepared students
- Review past tests (if possible)



Controlling Anxiety

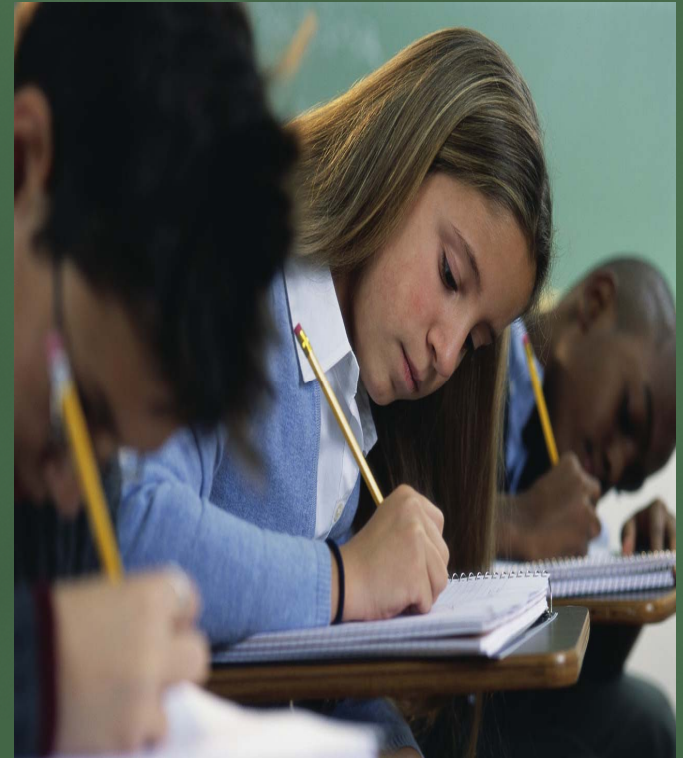
- Be prepared emotionally and physically, as well as intellectually
- Stay away from others right before the test
- Arrive at the test room early
- Do not forget writing utensils, erasers, calculators, and reading glasses if necessary
- Don't expect to know everything



Multiple Choice

Strategy: READ each question carefully

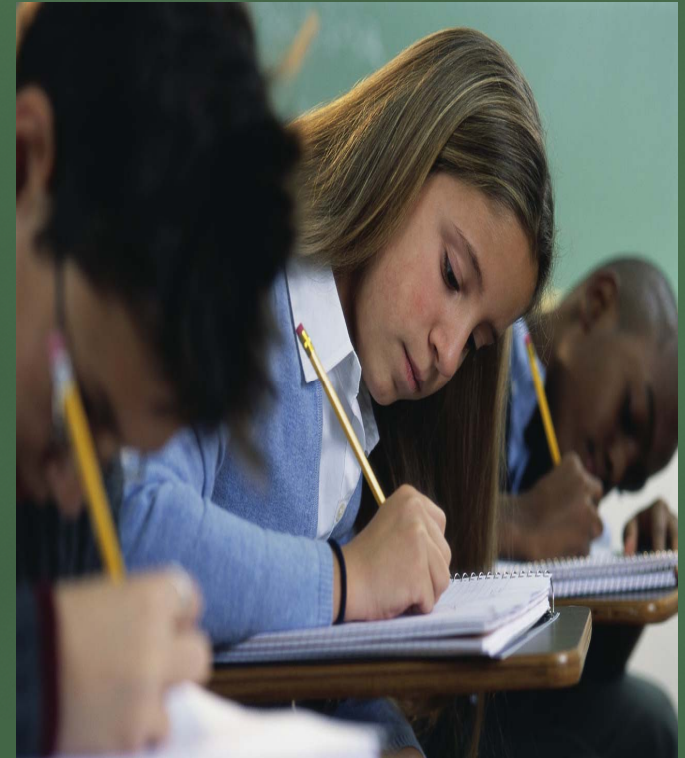
- Identify key words
- Identify what is being asked
- Underline key words (if possible)



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Strategy: Cover-Up!

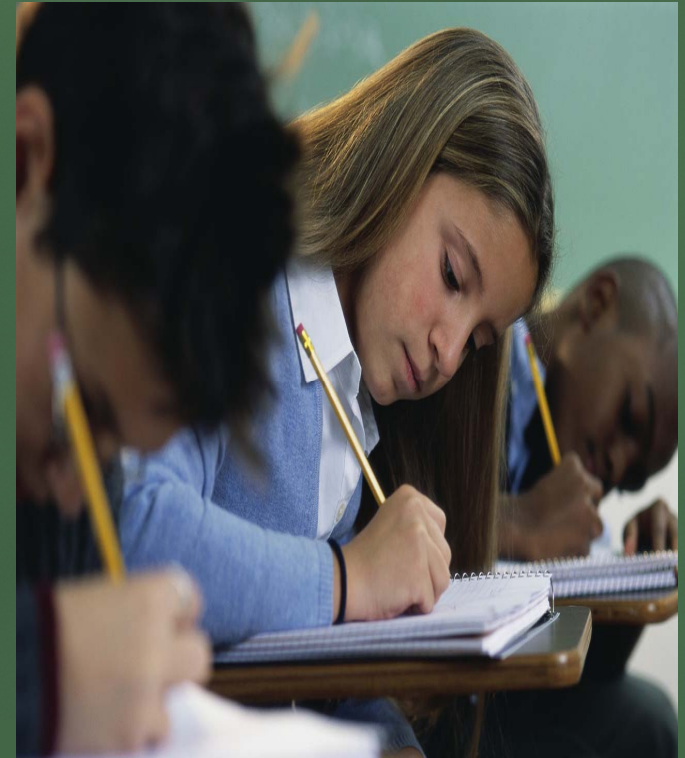
- Always cover up the possible responses with a piece of paper or with your hand while you read the stem, or body of the question.
- Then, come up with the answer in your head before looking at the possible answers



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Strategy: Pace Yourself

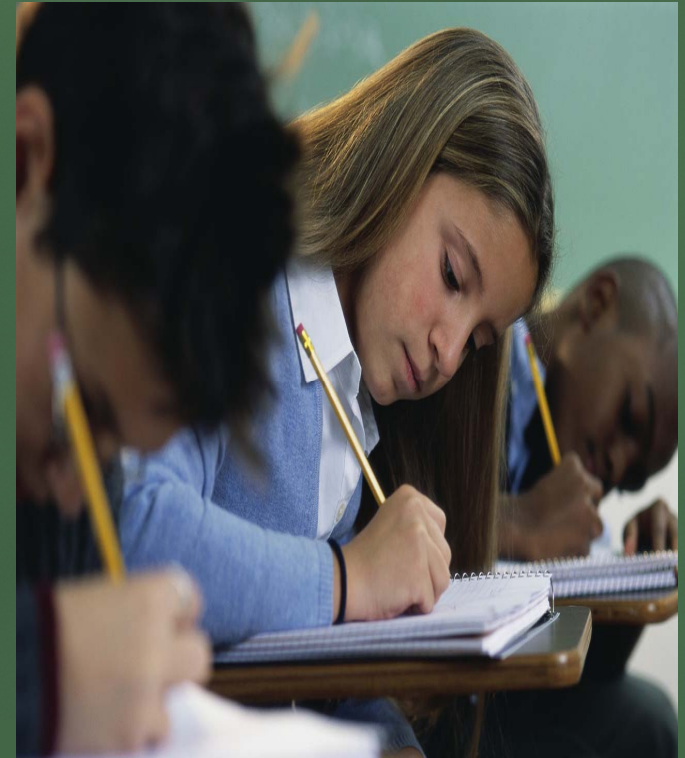
- Don't spend too much time on any one question
- Do your best and then move on
- If you are completely unsure, skip it, but be sure to go back.



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Strategy: *** Star Questions ***

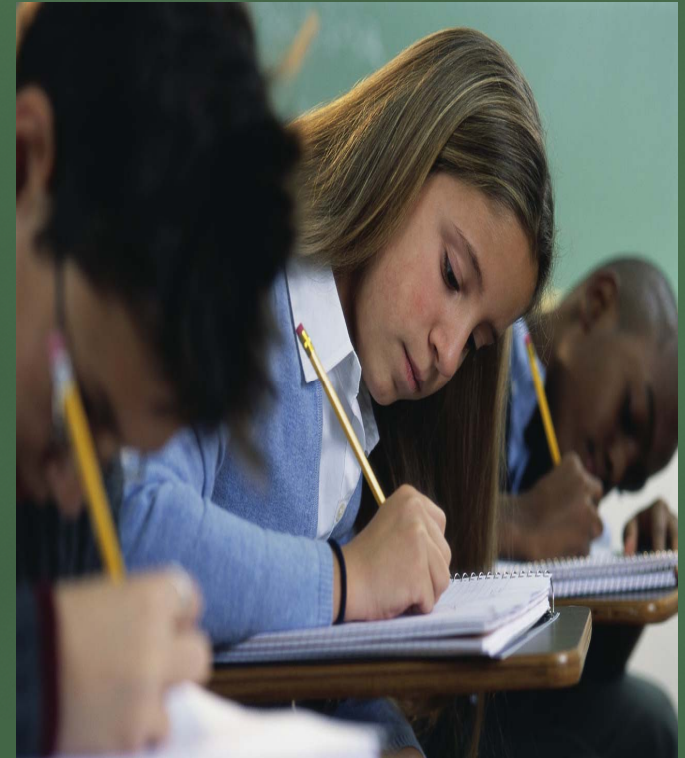
- If you are unsure, answer and star the question
- Come back to “star” questions at the end of the test



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Strategy: Help From Your Neighbour?

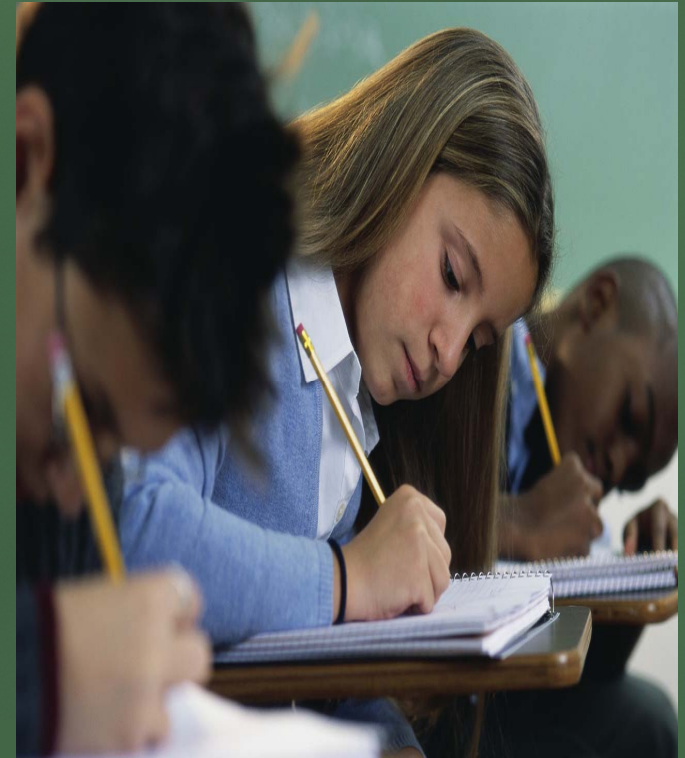
- Neighbouring questions, of course!
- Use other questions to help



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Strategy: Do NOT Leave Any B__ n __!

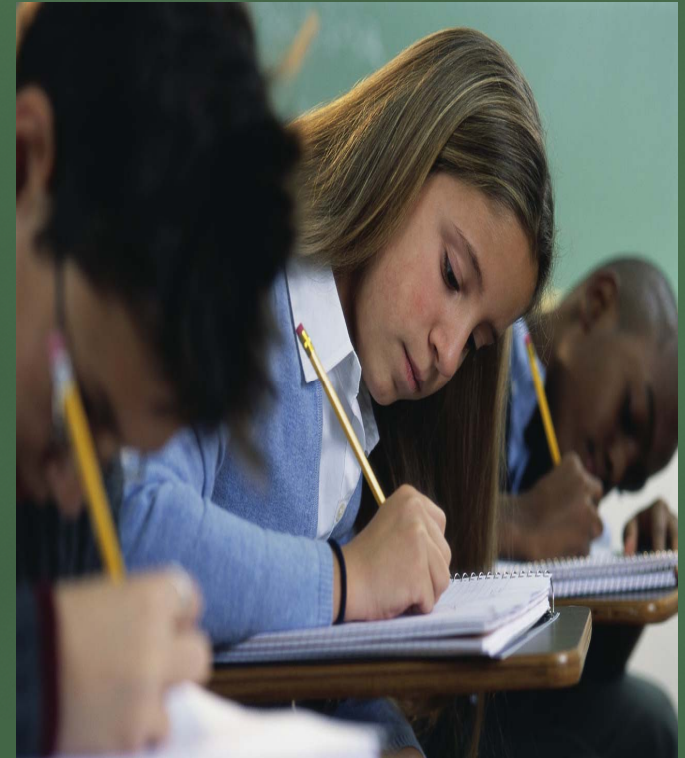
- If there is no guessing penalty always take an educated guess and select an answer
- Try to answer every question



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Strategy: Never Change Answers

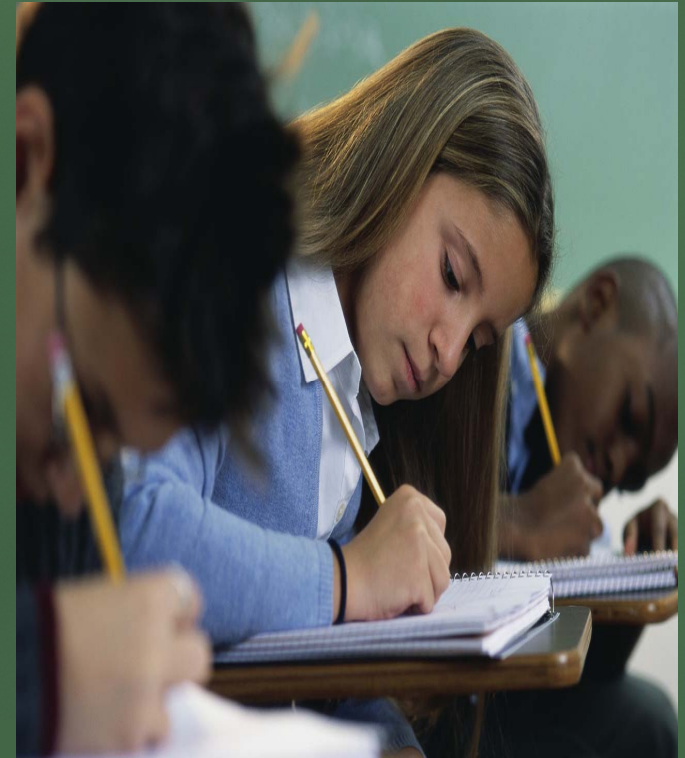
- Don't keep on changing your answer, usually your first choice is the right one
- UNLESS you are 100% sure you made a mistake do not change your answer



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Strategy: Process of Elimination

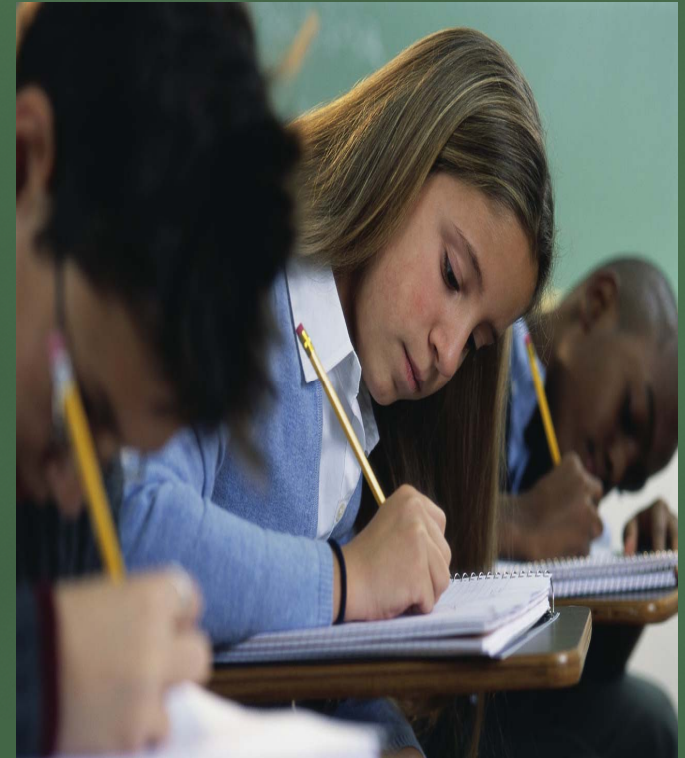
- If you have some knowledge about the question, eliminate choices that you know are incorrect
- If you can eliminate two wrong answers, your chance of choosing the right answer is greater



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Strategy: Answer the Question

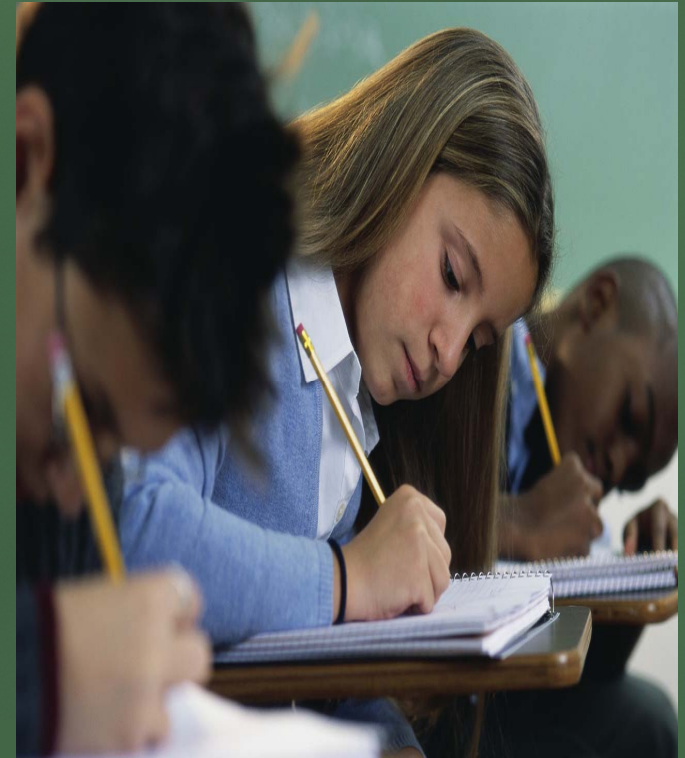
- Even though an answer is a correct statement, it must answer the question, if it doesn't answer the question, it is not the correct answer



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Strategy: “All of the Above” Choice

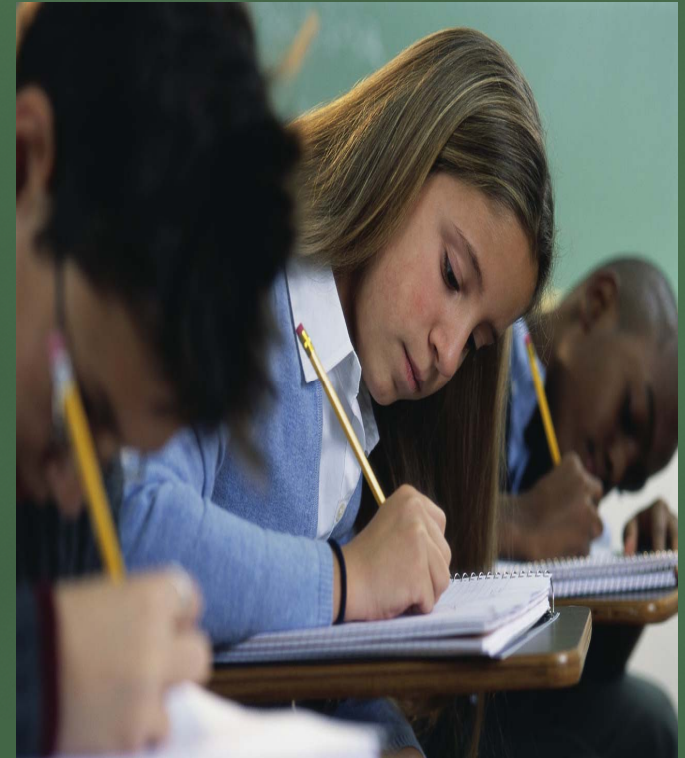
- In a question with an “All of the above” choice, if you see at least two correct statements, then “All of the above” is probably the answer
- One of the statements is false don't chose “All of the above”



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Strategy: “None of the above” Choice

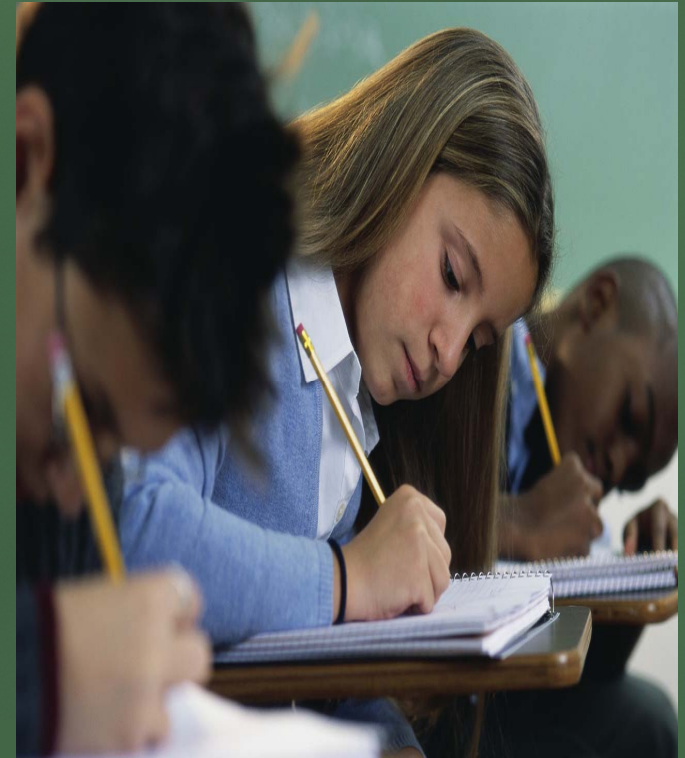
- If you are certain one of the statements is true don't choose “None of the above”



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Strategy: Cross Out Questions

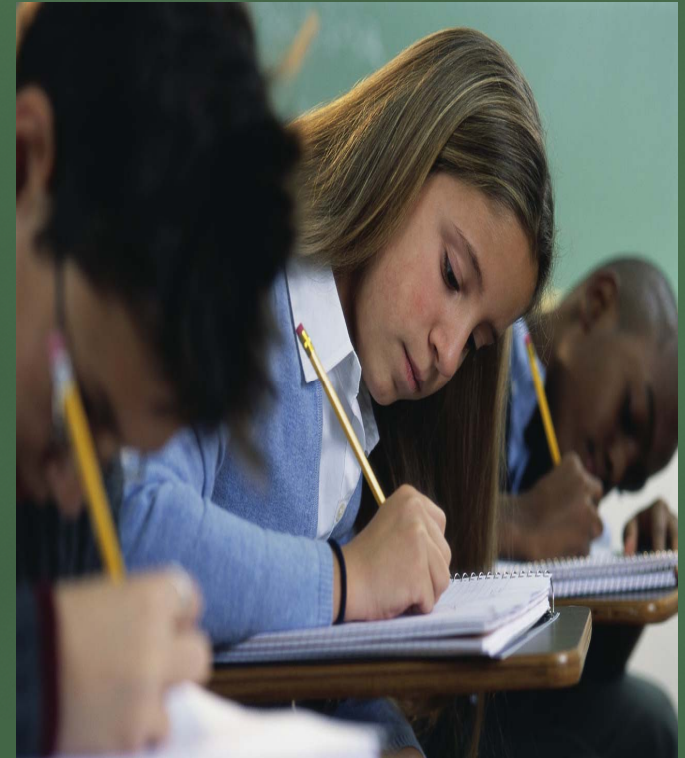
- Start with the easy questions.
- If you are confident you have the right answer, cross out the question and don't go back.



Multiple Choice

Strategy: NO Patterns!

- Do not look for patterns in your answer sheet.



**The single best way to do
well on tests is to know
the right answers!**

