



Studying for examinations

Multiple choice examinations

Multiple choice or objective exams are based on your ability to recognise and apply facts. There are different styles of objective tests:

- Multiple Choice
- True-False
- Matching and Sentence Completion.

PREPARATION

- Make sure you know which areas of your course will be included in the test.
- Study these thoroughly and prepare summaries of key points.
- Test your understanding, for example using flash cards or by working through past papers.

BEFORE THE EXAM

- Make sure you know the time, place and materials required for the exam.
- Arrive with enough time to find your seat and get comfortable. Try to stay calm and alert.
- Avoid conversations with other students about how little study you have done, or how panicky you may be feeling.

DURING THE EXAM

- Check the guidelines to see if there is a penalty for guessing.
- If there is, only guess if you feel there is a good chance of getting the answer right.
- Read directions carefully and listen for any oral directions or corrections.
- Read quickly through the test to plan your time and to check that your test is complete and correctly collated.
- Try to supply your own answer before reading the choices provided.
- When using a separate answer sheet, keep it to the right of, and close to the test booklet; check frequently that you are answering in the properly numbered space.
- Answer the easy questions first.
- Once finished, go back and review for possible errors, trick questions etc.

