

Glue into Notebook

Beat that Test!

Breathe deeply, know you can do it!

Just like a squirrel isn't thinking about Math when he's running from your dog, neither is your anxious mind ready to take a test.

Relax!

Tests don't test what you know. They test how well you know how to take a test. Isn't that ridiculous?!

Before starting, take a few minutes to preview the whole test. **Note key terms** and **take a few notes** of things to remember later.

Wear comfortable clothes

Bring extra sharpened pencils

Be sure the **question** you are answering and the **bubble sheet** match.

Remember: Questions don't usually get harder and harder. Just because you don't know the first question doesn't mean you won't know anything.

Skip around!

Read directions carefully

Answer all of the **easy questions first**. Get those easy points!

Answer the **harder questions after** all of the easy ones are already answered.

Never spend too much time on questions you do not know.

On hard questions, first **eliminate answers** you know are wrong or seem out of place. Then **choose** from what is left. For essays, jot down an **outline, sequence** your main points, then **flesh it out**.

Strategies for Difficult Questions

Never change an answer unless you are 100% sure you made a mistake.

Doubt costs points!

Correct answers will **match** the question **grammatically**. Incorrect answer choices might not.

Look for **keywords** in answer choices that trigger your **memory**.

Give each option the **“true/false”** test.

Eliminate answers you know are **incorrect**

If you know that at **least 2** choices are correct, choose **“All of the above”**.

Question options that use **“never”** and **“always”**. Will **“sometimes”** work instead?

If you are sure that at least 1 answer choice is wrong, don't choose **“All of the above”**.

If you are sure that at least 1 answer choice is correct, don't choose **“None of the above”**.

Echo answers: If 2 answer choices are **exactly opposite each other**, it is likely that one of them is the correct choice. Your chance is 50/50 after eliminating the other choices!

Example: A: 3 B: -4 C: 7 D: 4

Look-alike answers: Likely one is correct.

Remember not to spend too much time on questions you do not know. It's OK, **you're human!** 😊

Remember to **read new directions** at the top of each new section. **Circle keywords** and **jot down notes** to make sure you answer what they are asking. **Remember to breathe.**

Plan to use **1/3** of your time to answer **easy questions**. The rest will be for hard questions and essays.

Don't allow yourself to get distracted.
You've worked hard for this!

If you are unsure of what a question is asking, can you ask your teacher for clarification?

Always **skip hard questions** the first time through a test. But **remember to circle** the ones you skip to make sure you don't forget them later.

Remember: Never change your original answers unless you are **100% positive** you made a mistake!

Done with extra time? Go back over your test to make sure you didn't accidentally skip anything.

You're done! But are you? Try your hardest not to run out the classroom door! **Take a few minutes** to go back over your test to look for correct punctuation, that no questions were skipped, that your name is on your test.

Remember, test taking is not about what you know. It's about how well you take a test. You can do it! Relax, take your time (but not too much time) and know that it will be over soon! A job well done!