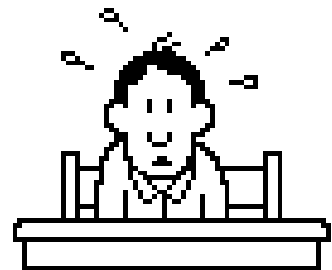


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- Exercising for a few days before and during the test will help reduce stress.
- Get a good night's sleep before the test.
- Show up to school and class early so you won't have to worry about being late for the test.
- Wear comfortable clothes.
- Be comfortable but alert. Maintain a comfortable posture but don't slouch.
- Try to maintain a positive attitude during the test.
- Listen attentively to instructions given by your teacher.
- Read the directions slowly and carefully.
- Skim through the test so that you have a good idea how to pace yourself.
- Stay relaxed. If you begin to get nervous, take a few slow, deep breaths to relax yourself and get back to work.
- Remind yourself that you are well-prepared and are going to do well.
- Focus on the test question at hand. Try to not let your mind wander to other things.
- Do the simple questions first to help build up your confidence for the harder questions.
- If you don't know the answer, come back to it after you finish the test and make an educated guess.
- Don't worry about how fast other people are working; just concentrate on your own test.
- If time permits, review your test to make sure you have answered all the questions, not miss-marked the answer sheet, or made some other simple mistake.

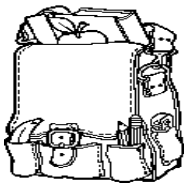


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## Multiple Choice

- Read the questions before you look at the answer.
- Eliminate the answers you know aren't right.
- Read all the choices before choosing your answer.
- Always take an educated guess and select an answer.
- Don't choose the answer "None of the above" if you are sure one of the other choices **is true**.
- Don't choose the answer "all of the above" if you are sure one of the other answers **is false**.



- In a question with an "all of the above" answer choice, if you see at least 2 answers that are correct, then "all of the above" is probably the answer.
- A positive choice is more likely to be true than a negative choice.
- Usually the correct answer is the choice with the most information.
- Rely on your knowledge. Don't rely on patterns, for example choosing "C" because the last four answers have been "C".
- Don't keep changing your answers. Usually your first answer is right unless you have miss-read the question.

## Short Answer/Essay

- Read the question carefully and make sure that you answer everything it asks for; some short answer questions have multiple parts.
- Don't write long introductions and conclusions. Most of your time should be spent answering the question asked.
- Make a brief outline before writing your essay. This will help your essay be more organized.

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- Make sure to write down everything that is asked of you and more. The more details and facts you write down, the higher your score is going to be.
- Make reference to specific characters and titles.
- Give specific examples to support your answer. Include specific examples from the text.
- Restate the question in your answer to focus on the question being asked.
- If the question is only asking for facts, don't give an opinion.
- Focus on one main idea per paragraph.
- When writing your essay, try to be as neat as possible. Neater papers usually receive higher scores.
- Budget your time! Don't spend the entire test time on one question.
- Try not to leave an answer blank. Show your work and write down your thoughts, even if you don't get the exact answer, partial credit is usually awarded.
- Show the major steps in your solution process.
- Include titles and labels on graphic organizers.
- Be sure all answers are inside the box provided or at least 1 inch from the margin or folds of the book.
- If you have time left at the end of the test, proofread your work and correct any errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.

