

Objective Tests

Multiple Choice • True-False • Match Columns



Know how you'll be tested

Will you be asked questions that require you to recall specific facts? Understand concepts? Apply what you've learned to real-life scenarios? Prepare accordingly ...

Preparing

Highlight emphasized topics

Note why these topics are important.

Concentrate on vocabulary

Identify terms/words used to represent specific concepts. Make flashcards and do frequent drills of the material. See if you can also put ideas in your own words.

Compare and contrast

Construct charts, tables, diagrams or lists to summarize relationships.

Taking The Test

Review the entire test

Skim and develop a plan for your work. Allow time for questions that are worth more points. Reserve time to review your work and fix mistakes.

Read carefully

Look for limits, how questions will be graded, and specific instructions (i.e., answer 3 of the 4 questions below).

Start strong

Begin working on an easier question to warm up but save time for the more difficult ones and those worth more points.

Avoid overthinking

Interpret the questions literally and try to choose the answer you think the test maker intended.

Keep your eye on the clock

Work quickly, check your time regularly, and adjust your speed if needed. Don't get stuck on one question at the cost of omitting another.

Analyzing After It's Over



Examine the questions that you missed or lost points for.

Learn why the correct answer was more appropriate than yours.

Were there areas of the test you were not prepared for? Investigate why you were not ready and create a strategy to tackle those areas.

Which of the following is not...

Did you know the answer, but fail to read carefully?

Gauge difficulty and amount of detail in the test questions

Did most of the questions concern precise details, or main principles or application to new situations? Talk to your professor if you are not sure what to expect on the next test.



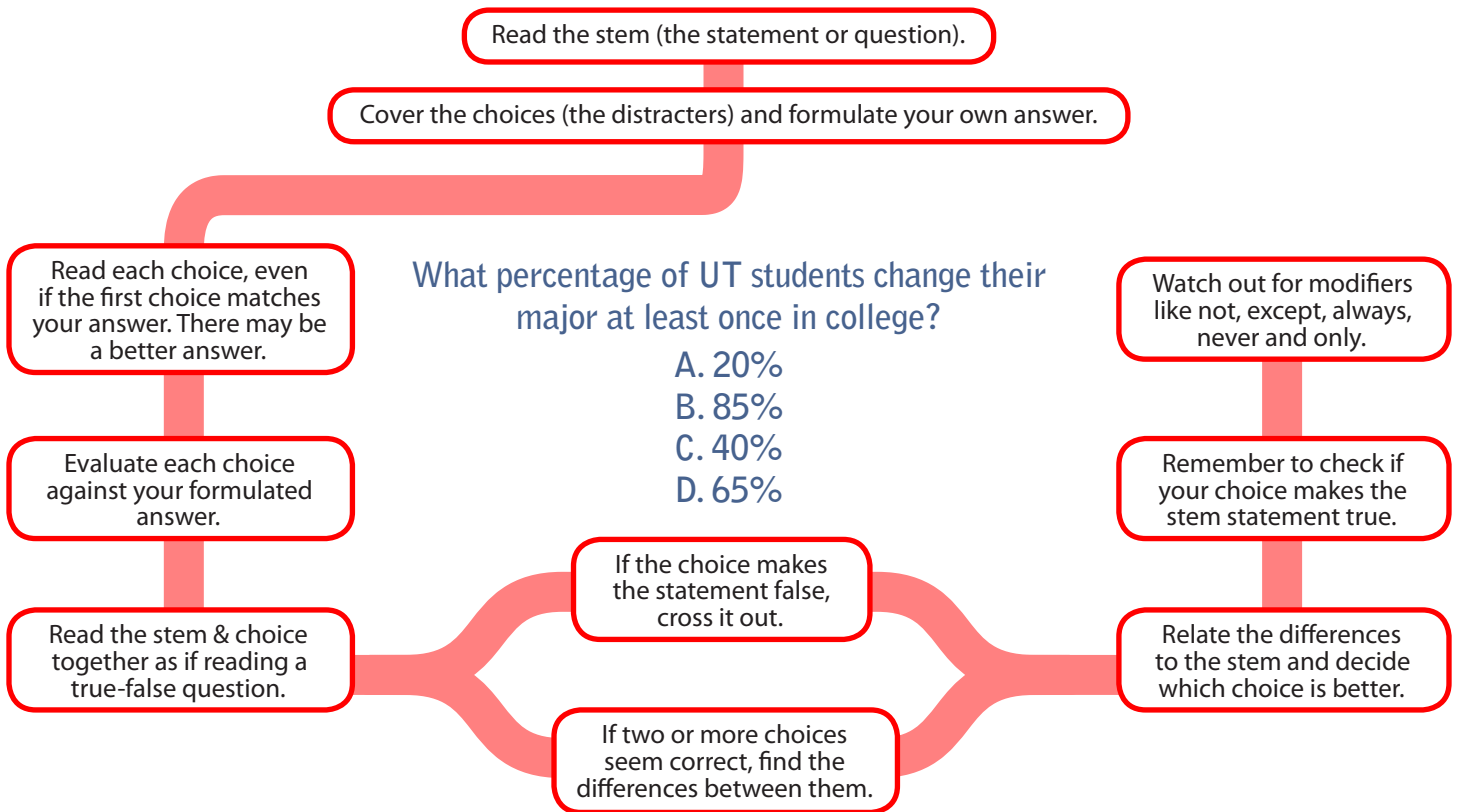
Were you able to finish the test within the time given?

Were you too anxious to focus on the question?
Visit the Sanger Center for help with test anxiety.

Brainstorm other possible reasons for why you were unable to complete the exam. Develop a plan to work on these problems.

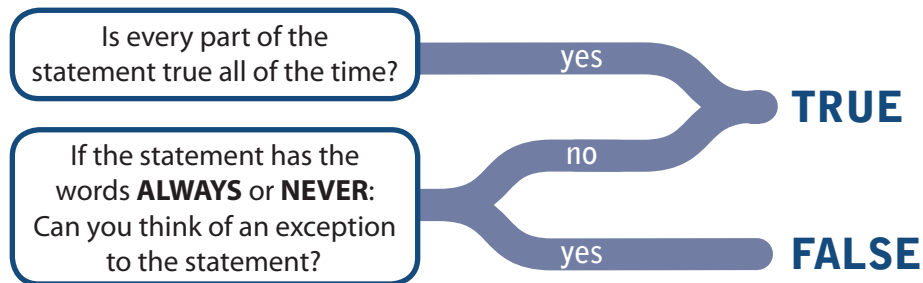
General Questions

Multiple choice questions may seem easier because the answer is definitely on the page, but they can be tricky if you lack a plan of approach. Follow these steps to stay on track.



True-False Questions

These questions tend to focus on details.



Matching Questions

These questions tend to focus on relationships between information or ideas.

