

Multiple Choice Exams

- **Read the question first.** Try to answer it yourself.
- **Read all choices one by one** - then decide. Use key words.
- In Social Sciences: **Qualifiers** are usually the correct response. Examples: However, but, in certain cases, etc.
- In Sciences: **Absolutes** are usually correct. Example: Boiling temperature of water.
- **Flow:** Don't get stuck on questions, move along and come back later.
- When you return to what you skipped: Figure out which answer is impossible.
- Cross out **distractors** that are wrong. Clear your field of vision.
- Responses that “look like the word” in the question are usually incorrect. Example: allusion, illusion, illustration.
- Similar distractors: Are they really similar? Key word(s) may make the difference. If they both say the same thing, they are usually incorrect.
- **Guessing:** The first “gut” impression - longest, most precise answer - answer that is in the middle
- **Similar answers:** Check for key words in the question and the answers
- **Check your exam** before handing it in (e.g . Response sheet)