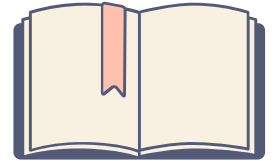


# STRATEGIES FOR MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAMS

## BEFORE THE EXAM

- Start **studying early**.
- Create a **study plan** and stick to your study schedule.
- **Understand concepts rather than simply memorizing facts** as instructors will often re-word the material.



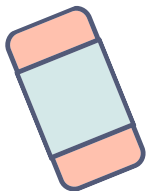
## DURING THE EXAM

- **Preview** the questions and **estimate** the time it will take to answer each of them.
- Answer all of the questions you know **first** and mark the ones you skip.
- Use **information** and **insights** you learn from other questions to go back and fix incorrect answers (if applicable).
- Try to **answer** the question **before looking** at the answer choices.
- Make sure **all aspects** of the answer are correct.
- If time allows, **review** your questions and answers at the end.



## IF YOU'RE UNSURE OF THE ANSWER

- If there is terminology you do not know, use your knowledge of common **prefixes** to answer (i.e. hyper means high).
- If two answers are similar, **translate** them to your own words and analyze the difference.
- **Only** change your answer for a better one or if you made a mistake.
- Make an **educated guess** by narrowing down your choices and carefully reviewing your options.
- **Don't** overthink the answer.



## TIPS

- You can eliminate "all of the above" if you know one of the answer choices is incorrect
- Watch for statements that include absolutes such as "never", "always", "is", "are", "guarantees", "ensures" as they may be restrictive and difficult to defend.

## AFTER THE EXAM

**Reward yourself!** Celebrate your accomplishment by taking a nap, having a great meal, visiting friends or other self-care activities

