

True/False Exams

1. Read the directions for the exam BEFORE you begin.

2. Determine the number of questions and budget your time.

Many times when True/False questions are given there are a large number of questions. If so, answer each question quickly. It may not be worth a lot of time to get one question right if the question is only worth two points on a 100 point test.

3. Read each question carefully.

Remember that if any part of a statement is false, the entire state is false. Most questions contain a combination of who, what, when, where or how facts. If any one of those facts is wrong, the statement is false.

4. Look for qualifiers.

Words like *never*, *all*, *none*, *only* and *always* generally indicate a statement is false. On the other hand, *sometimes*, *generally*, *often*, *frequently*, and *mostly* indicate a statement is true.

5. Answer the questions you know first.

Often answers to questions you don't know are supplied in other questions. Go back to answer the difficult questions later.

6. When guessing, do not change answers.

Research indicates your first answer is usually best. However, don't be afraid to change answers when you have a good reason for doing so.

7. Answer all questions.

Unless points are deducted for incorrect responses, leave enough time to answer all questions. Mark all remaining or unfinished questions true; in a true/false exam a slight majority of the answers are usually true.

8. "Reason" statements tend to be false.

When something is given as the "reason" or "cause" or "because" of something else the statement will tend to be false.