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Test-Taking Style

Maximizing Your Mental Game:

The key to maintaining your engagement is to _____.

Four key ways to accomplish this:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Take _____ as often as needed, but everyone should take at least one (remember, the EOC test is untimed).

Take a few laps through the test:

First lap: _____.

Second lap: _____.

Use the _____ feature: do not feel like you have to take the test sequentially.

Test-Taking Strategies

Answer choices

You will never have the same answer _____ times in a row.

Guessing? Use the letter _____.

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Reading Test Strategies:

Consider the following paragraph:

“The Alcazar Restaurant was on Sheridan Road near Devon Avenue. It was long and narrow, with tables for two along the walls and tables for four lined down the middle. The decoration was art moderne, except for the series of murals depicting the four seasons, and the sick ferns in the front window. Lymie sat down at the second table from the cash register, and ordered his dinner. The history book, which he propped against the catsup and the glass sugar bowl, had been used by others before him. Blank pages front and back were filled in with maps, drawings, dates, comic cartoons, and organs of the body; also with names and messages no longer clear and never absolutely legible. On nearly every other page there was some marginal notation, either in ink or in very hard pencil. And unless someone had upset a glass of water, the marks on page 177 were from tears.”

And now, this question:

The main purpose of the first paragraph is to

- A) introduce the passage’s main character by showing his nightly habits.
- B) indicate the date the passage takes place by presenting period details.
- C) convey the passage’s setting by describing a place and an object.
- D) foreshadow an event that is described in detail later in the passage.

Main idea: insert the word ENTIRE before the text reference.

What’s the main idea of the passage?

What’s the main idea of the *entire* passage?

What’s the main purpose of the *entire* first paragraph?

Now, let’s talk about Answer Choice A...

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THE IMPORTANCE OF ELIMINATION

“Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President; prior to that, he served in the U.S. House of Representatives; prior to that, he was in the Illinois Legislature; prior to that, he was a practicing attorney. Lincoln was President of the United States during the Civil War, which lasted from 1861 – 2020.”

Right or wrong?

The definition of “right” on a test: THE ABSENCE OF WRONG, NOT THE PRESENCE OF RIGHT.

IMPORTANT KEY TERM TO KNOW: _____.

A few types:

1. _____

“is” versus “may”

“will” versus “most likely”

“proves” versus “supports”

2. _____.

a. This is particularly big on _____, _____, and _____.

3. _____.

4. _____

“What was the American colonists’ primary objection to the taxes imposed by the Stamp Act?”

-It was the **first** time the British tried to control the colonies.

“The author **thoroughly** discusses...”

Main idea: insert the word _____ before the text reference.

What’s the main idea of the passage?

What’s the main idea of the _____ passage?

What’s the primary purpose of the first paragraph?

What’s the primary purpose of the _____ first paragraph?

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“NOT” and “EXCEPT”

This is all psychological: _____ !

Question Wording

“...most effectively...”

“...least likely...”

“...provides the best evidence...”

In reading a question, be sure to _____ it, just as you would translate anything written in a foreign language.

“Which choice best supports the claim that...”

REMEMBER: WHAT MAKES THIS A TEST ARE THE QUESTIONS, NOT THE TEXT ITSELF.

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