

Circle the letter corresponding to the answer you think is likely to be correct.

Question 1

The usual function of grunge-prowlers is to remove

- A grunges
- B snarts
- C trigs
- D grods

Question 2

Antigrotification occurs on

- A spring mornings
- B summer evenings provided there is no rain after dusk
- C autumn afternoons
- D winter nights

Question 3

Lurkies suffer from trangitis because

- A their prads are always underdeveloped
- B all their brizes are horizontal
- C their curmpieces are usually imperfect
- D none of their dringoes can ever adapt

Question 4

Non-responsive frattling is usually found in an

- A gringle
- B janket
- C kloppie
- D uckerpod

Question 5

Which of the following are exceptions to the law of lompacity?

- A the mitrip and the nattercup
- B the bifid pantrip
- C the common queeter
- D the flanged ozzle

Question 6

Which must be present for parbling to take place?

- A phlot and runge
- B runge
- C stuke and runge
- D runge and trake

Question 7

One common disorder of an overspragged uckerpod is

- A copious vezzling
- B intermittent weggerment
- C unresponsive frattling
- D uneven yerkation

Question 8

Which one is the right answer?

- A
- B
- C
- D

END OF QUIZ
(Suggested answers overleaf)

ANSWERS

Question 1

Most people pick A. This is because the option contains a word from the stem, which is a sort of give-away. Avoid using words from the stem in one particular answer, especially if it is the right answer.

Question 2

Most people pick B. This seems to be because it is longer and therefore appears more probable. Try to keep all options the same length, within reason. Also, B is a qualified option whereas the others are unqualified; a qualified option may seem more likely to be correct.

Question 3

Most people pick C. This is mainly because of the word "usually", which seems more probable than "always", "none", or "all". It is best not to mix definites and indefinites.

Question 4

Almost everyone picks D. The "an" in the stem gives it away.

Question 5

The most probable option is A. This is given away by the plurality of the stem and the singularity of B, C and D.

Question 6

Most people choose B. It's a bit harder to explain why this is - it seems to be something along the lines of "if B isn't right, none of them can be right, as they all involve 'runge'." Take care with overlapping options.

Question 7

This is trickier. However most people go for C because the topic has already come up in Question 4 where the indefinite article gave away the answer.

Question 8

The correct answer is, of course, D. There is a pattern in the answers: ABCD ABC_.

And finally...

When is it NOT a good idea to avoid negative questions?

- Never
- Sometimes
- Always
- What?

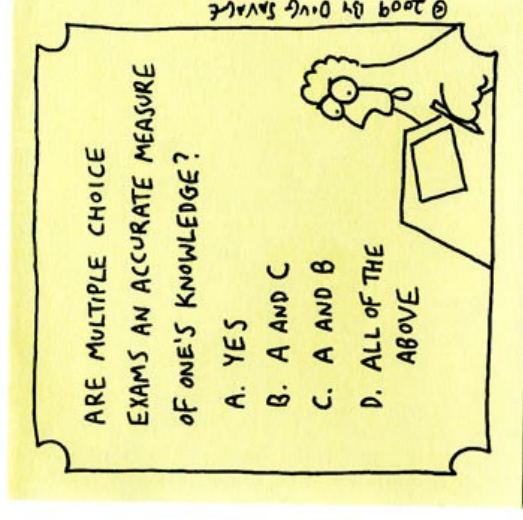
Designing Good Multiple Choice Questions

A multiple choice question consists of

- a **stem** - the text of the question
- **options** - the choices provided after the stem
- the **key** - the correct answer in the list of options
- **distracters** - the incorrect answers in the list of options

Distracters based on common student errors or misconceptions are very effective. Correct statements that do not answer the question are often strong distracters.

The quiz overleaf demonstrates how easy it can be to test nothing but language skills in an MCQ test. For more detailed advice, look at <http://www.caacentre.ac.uk/dl/docs/otghdout.pdf>



www.savagechickens.com

Image used with the permission of Doug Savage