Multiple Choice Questions - Strategies

• Read the question, and answer it before reading the choices.

• Look for similar answers; one of those will usually be the right answer.

• Cross off answers that you know are wrong.

• Read all the options before selecting your answer.

• If you cannot answer, move on to the next one. Another question might trigger the answer.

• In questions that have more complex alternatives involving more than one right answer, mark each item as true or false. When you finish all the alternatives, you will be more likely to have the correct best answer.

• Change your answer only if you have reason to do so.

• Analyze the question, underline the subject and verb, and look for subject-verb agreement to help guess the answer.

• If two answers are similar, choose one of them.

• If two answers have similar words (perpetrate, perpetuate), choose one of them.

• If two answers have opposite meanings, choose one of them.

• Choose the longest answer.

• If none of the above works for you, choose (B). Studies indicate that (B) is the correct answer 40% of the time. The next best guess is (C).