TEST TAKING

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To help me read directions and questions carefully.

Read the entire question and ALL choices before answering.

- Always reread the entire question and all choices.
- You may think the question is asking one thing, but after you read the complete question, it may actually be asking something else.

Analyze the context and figure out words that you do not know.

- Identify unknown words.
- Try to remember where you have seen these words before. Maybe you saw them in your textbooks or in your notes.
- Analyze the context by trying to use the words you do know in the sentences that surrounds the unknown words. By analyzing the surrounding words, you may be able to figure out the unknown word.

Identify the key words in the question and answer choices.

- These words are; *often, most, all, some, equal, good* and *sometimes*.

Notice the negatives

- These words are; *no, not, none, never*, and the prefix *un*(unimportant) or *in*(incomplete) in each question and answer.
- Negatives can completely change the meaning of a question or an answer so watch carefully for these words.

Search for grammatical clues.

- All questions follow the rules of grammar. Narrow your choices by eliminating possible answers that do not produce grammatically correct sentences.

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