

Multiple Choice Items

Three types of multiple choice test items appear in both the mid-term and final examinations of the course. In each case, they are variations of the more traditional multiple choice item; that is, one beginning with an introductory phrase (or “stem”) and followed by four probable responses (or alternatives).

Type One

The stem of the item ends with either a colon, question mark or an “a/an” and is followed by the four probable responses. See the following example.

1. The moon is made of green:
 - A. Cheese
 - B. Fruit salad
 - C. Pizza
 - D. Don't know

2. What color is the cheese from which the moon is made?
 - A. Blue
 - B. Green
 - C. Burgundy
 - D. Pink

3. In making green cheese, one uses a/an:
 - A. Ladle
 - B. Atomizer
 - C. Churn
 - D. Ionosphere

Type Two

The stem of this type of item relies on the basic logic model followed by the four alternatives. See the following example.

4. “Cat” is to “dog” as “horse” is to:
 - A. Pig
 - B. Chicken
 - C. Owl
 - D. Cow

Type Three

In the third type of item, there are *two correct* responses. To alert you to this, the phrase “*Most specifically,*” introduces the stem and, by definition, directs you to find the “most specific” or “**best**” answer. See the following example.

5. Most specifically, Daffy Duck is a/an:
- A. Animal
 - B. Vegetable
 - C. Mineral
 - D. Waterfowl