

Multiple Choice

Step 1: Read the question and make sure you know what it is asking.

Break it down.

- Who are they asking about?
- What era are we talking about?
- What is the important concept?

Try it.

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Who?

When?

What?

Now that you know the key parts of the question, put it in your own words.

Question:

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Try it.

A large empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their answer to the question.

Step 2: Answer the question in your own words.

What do you already know about this topic?

- Slaves had been around for a long time already.
- Portuguese were the first Europeans to have direct contact with sub-Saharan Africa.

Step 3: Eliminate what you know is wrong.

Now that you already have an idea of what the correct answer will be it is easier to eliminate all of the wrong ones.

- a. Just beginning.
- b. An institution the Europeans had to establish.
- c. Well established for about 500 years.
- d. Still under the control of Muslim traders.
- e. Not economically viable and did not interest the Europeans.

Step 4: Choose and go on.

- Now that you've narrowed it down, choose the most likely.

Hint: Be wary of extreme answers.

- c. Well established for about 500 years.
- d. Still under the control of Muslim traders.

Don't get bogged down.

If you have to choose and are not sure, don't spend a lot of time deliberating. On the exam, you will have 55 minutes to do 70 questions. If you get too bogged down on one, you may miss the opportunity to answer some easier questions later on. Mark it in the book so you can come back to it if you have extra time. Usually though, your first instinct is right.

Your turn.

1. Break the question down and put it in your own words.
2. Answer the question in your own words.
3. Eliminate what you know is wrong.
4. Choose and go.

Matrilinearity was found in which of the following societies?

- a. Rome
- b. China
- c. Sumer
- d. Bantu
- e. Byzantium

Try Again.

1. Break the question down and put it in your own words.
2. Answer the question in your own words.
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4. Choose and go.

Hint: With not questions, ask yourself what is true and eliminate those.

All of the following are results of the bubonic plague, which swept through China and Europe from the 1200's to the 1600's, EXCEPT

- a. Social unrest.
- b. Tremendous population loss.
- c. labor shortages.
- d. A decrease in wages.
- e. Less rigidity between social classes.

Another time:

1. Break the question down and put it in your own words.
2. Answer the question in your own words.
3. Eliminate what you know is wrong.
4. Choose and go.

One way in which the Maya, the Songhai, and the Gupta cultures were similar is that they

- a. Mounted military attacks on newly established American colonies in the Americas.
- b. Developed great civilizations without major influence from Western Europe.
- c. Emerged as a result of nationalist movements of the twentieth century.
- d. Thrived due to a prosperous trade economy with Portugal and other European nations.
- e. Became dependent on slave trade in order to maintain enough laborers to tend to their profitable sugar cane crop.

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4. Choose and go.

- In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, European mercantilism in Latin America led to
- a. The exploitation of people and resources.
 - b. The European Renaissance.
 - c. The rejection of Spanish culture.
 - d. The Protestant Reformation.
 - e. The growth of democratic forms of government.

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The teachings of Confucius encouraged people to

- a. Embrace a heliocentric view of the solar system.
- b. Follow a code of moral conduct.
- c. Accept the teachings of the Pax Romana.
- d. Worship the one true God who watches over and cares for his people.
- e. Strive for Nirvana by eliminating worldly possessions.

Special Questions: Quotes, reading passages, visuals and graphs

- Do the same process.
- Don't overanalyze the picture or graphic.
- Look for major patterns or ideas.

“Which, O Bhikkus, is this Middle Path the knowledge of which the Tathagata has gained, which leads to insight, which leads to wisdom, which conduces to calm, to knowledge, the Sambodhi, to Nirvana?”

The person who would most likely be associated with this quote is a

- a. Muslim
- b. Christian
- c. Polytheist
- d. Buddhist
- e. Confucian