

TEST TAKING Strategies

1 Read the title/subtitles. Predict what the passage is about.

2 Carefully study any graphs, charts, or diagrams.

3 Number the paragraphs.

4 Read the questions carefully, circling key words. **MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE QUESTION IS ASKING!**

5 Beginning with the title, read the passage thoroughly at least two times. Make a mental picture of what is being read.

6 Read the first question and answer choices to get an idea of what the answer may be. Do not mark your answer choice.

7 Return to the passage and identify the answer, or clues that support the possible answer.

8 Return to the question and eliminate the wrong answers.

9 Mark the correct answer and find the number of the paragraph where the answer/clues are located. Remember, you have to prove your answer is correct!

10 Repeat steps six through nine for the remainder of the questions.

11 Check to make sure all questions are answered reasonably.