

Test-Wiseness Clues



Test-wiseness clues can help you to identify the correct answer on objective type tests when you are having difficult selecting an answer.

◆ Multiple Choice Questions

- **The most general alternative is often the correct one.**

1. The lungs
 - a. are solid and immobile and located within the chest.
 - b. are the only organs that produce insulin.
 - c. function primarily in respiration.
 - d. possess the sphincter of Oddi.

- **The longest alternative may be the correct one.**

2. One of the main reasons for Custer's defeat at the Little Big Horn was the fact that
 - a. he split his troops into three groups, making each group too small to effectively fight.
 - b. the weather was too hot.
 - c. he had sick horses.
 - d. he wanted to be president.

- **The correct alternative is usually of *middle value*.**

3. The mature human being has how many teeth?
 - a. 15
 - b. 32
 - c. 54
 - d. 7

- **If two alternatives have similar meaning, choose *neither*.**

4. The treaty of Brest Litovsk was ratified by Moscow because:
 - a. Tzar Alexander I wanted to prevent Napoleon's invasion of Russia.
 - b. Russia was unable to keep up with the armament manufacture of Austria.
 - c. Russia could not keep pace with the military production of Austria.
 - d. Nicolai Lenin wanted to get the Soviet Union out of WWI.

- **If two alternatives have opposite meaning, choose *either*.**

5. The planarian has:
 - a. an anterior brain.
 - b. three legs.
 - c. red eyes.
 - d. a posterior brain.

- **Pay attention to grammatical agreement between stem and correct alternative.**

6. A biologist who specializes in the study of the relationships of an organism to its environment is known as an:
 - a. ecologist.
 - b. structuralist.
 - c. taxonomist.
 - d. naturalist.
7. Important in feeling pain are:
 - a. bone
 - b. ear
 - c. muscle
 - d. nerves

- **Watch for the word Association between correct alternative and stem.**

8. The Strong Vocational Interest Blank is used to measure:

- a. aptitudes
- b. interest
- c. achievement
- d. adjustment

9. Charles Dicken’s Hard Times deals with:

- a. the difficult life of a factory worker.
- b. the politics of the French Chateau country.
- c. the court of King Edward’s existentialism.

- **Note the number of blanks provided for fill-in-the-blank items.**

10. A popular song during World War I was _____.

- a. Over the Hill
- b. Over there
- c. Why the Kaiser
- d. Adolph

◆ True-False Questions

- **Specific determiners: Certain words associated with correct and incorrect statement.**

List 1 — usually make an item false.

- always
- never
- only
- necessarily
- must
- all
- none
- impossible
- invariably

List 2 — may make true or false

- often
- seldom
- perhaps
- sometimes
- generally
- may
- usually

11. It is always sunny during the winter at LaCrosse.

- a. True
- b. False

12. July is always a summer month.

- a. True
- b. False

13. The compensation of a skilled work-person often exceeds that of a laborer.

- a. True
- b. False

14. Operas are invariably sung in Italian.

- a. True
- b. False

15. Insurance sometimes serves as protection against income interruption.

- a. True
- b. False

- **Caution: Test Wiseness clues should only be used after you have tried to logically determine the answer and still are very uncertain of the answer.**

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Answer Key:

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| 1. c | 2. a | 3. b | 4. d | 5. a |
| 6. a | 7. d | 8. b | 9. a | 10. b |
| 11. b | 12. b | 13. a | 14. b | 15. a |