

Multi-Choice Test Advice - NEVER fail to blacken a circle before you move on and answer all the questions

Dear NWCUC Student/Graduate,

In my view the very best tidbit of advice, as to technique, for the MULTI-CHOICE part of the General Bar Examination is this:

NEVER fail to blacken a circle before you move on -- so that you don't end up inadvertently placing answers to questions in the wrong place after intentionally skipping one.

Instead of skipping, just blacken any circle when you don't know the answer. But, do make a note of the locations where you've placed answers that you've guessed, and go back to them later if you have time. Just don't make the mistake of not blackening a circle before moving on. **Failing to do so may cause you to mistakenly throw off every answer that follows. That would be disastrous.** You should "**ANSWER, BLACKEN CIRCLE, MOVE ON, and REPEAT**", even on those occasions when you are unsure of the answer.

The second best tidbit of advice, as to technique, for the MULTI-CHOICE part of the General Bar Examination is this:

If it becomes obvious a few minutes before the end of the session that you will not have enough time to finish answering all of the questions, then go ahead and randomly blacken one circle for each of the remaining questions. Doing it this way may get you a few extra needed points from answers that end up being correct only by sheer chance. However, do go back to where you left off providing deliberately selected answers and erase the ones that follow, one by one, and provide discriminate answers in any left over time.

By the way, some experts say that the key to success on any bar exam is studying for the MULTI-CHOICE part of it. In my opinion studying for it is extremely important. That study will help you pass all parts of the examination (MULTI-CHOICE, ESSAY and PERFORMANCE on the General Bar Examination) since it is focused closely on important nuances in black letter law. It is, therefore, extremely important for you to read many practice MULTI-CHOICE questions and answers as you prepare for the examination.

Best wishes,

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P.S. – Study a large number of hours each day for many weeks before the General Bar Examination. Studying conscientiously and cleverly, day in and day out, is the way to go. Bar preparation time is crunch-time, and crunch-time requires that you go into crunch-mode.

For you, “crunch mode” should involve reading sample essay questions and answers, sample multi-choice questions and answers and sample performance test questions and answers one after the other, hour after hour, day after day. It should also involve *writing* many practice answers to essay and performance examination questions, in addition to *reading* black letter law. – The key to success is that you go into a crunch-mode with study that is very concentrated and extremely intense.