

How Students Take Tests

Are these students doing the right thing?

Read each statement and answer “yes” or “no” in the space provided.

- _____ 1. Joanna takes just a quick look at the directions on a test because she doesn’t want to take time away from answering the questions.
- _____ 2. Anthony carefully reads through the directions, even underlining important points. He then takes a few minutes to glance over the entire test before he begins writing answers to the questions.
- _____ 3. Even before James knows what the questions are, he turns the test paper over and jots down a few notes, formulas, and dates that he wants to remember. Then he looks at the test questions.
- _____ 4. In order to know how much time she can spend on each question, Keisha counts up the number of questions and figures how much time she has for the test, then divides the number of questions into the time to find out how long she can spend on each question.
- _____ 5. Tony is a clock-watcher during a test. He frequently checks the time as he takes the test.
- _____ 6. Amy answers the first few questions, then skips around, answering questions in no particular order.
- _____ 7. Lamar answers the true/false and multiple-choice questions quickly, but when he comes to the short answer questions, he slows down, jots down a few notes, and then writes his answers.
- _____ 8. Carlos moves through the test but gets stuck on question #15. He spends a lot of time thinking about this question, but no matter how hard he tries, he can’t remember the information he needs to answer the question. After several minutes, he goes on to the next question.
- _____ 9. Tonya can’t answer #15, either, but she leaves it and goes on to #16, planning to come back to #15 if time permits.
- _____ 10. Alicia finishes the test with seven minutes left. She uses the time remaining to begin her math homework.