

Discussion Forum – Activity

To better appreciate the components of a multiple choice item, you would benefit from attempting to write a few multiple choice questions. Writing some of your own multiple choice questions is also one of the strategies for examination preparation. The following is an excerpt from the Learning Services from the University of Guelph*:

Write Your Own Multiple Choice Questions

Since multiple choice exams demand that you deal with the course material in a specific format, your preparation should include practice in both writing and answering multiple choice questions. Writing multiple choice questions enables you to see the information from your notes and text translated into the multiple choice format before the exam itself. Try these ideas when creating questions:

- Turn the headings and subheadings in your textbook into questions.
- Turn key concepts from lecture notes into questions.
- Look at the first midterm, or other ones written by the same instructor, to get a sense of the style of the questions.
- Write practice questions with a study partner or group, with each of you preparing questions on a section of a chapter, then trading and answering each other's questions.

Discussion Forum

To enable you to remember the various components to an item, write three multiple choice questions with respiratory therapy content. Indicate the best response to each item. Post these items to the **Discussion Forum under the topic of Components of the Multiple Choice Item**. Review a minimum of two postings from your classmates, commenting on the clarity of the question, the response and the plausibility of the three distractors for each of the postings. Please remember that your focus is not the content of each question, but a critique of the item; the question and the other components. Discuss if the stem of the question is well written, so that you clearly understand it. Also discuss the distractors and if they are believable and if the wording for the answer is clear.

Source: "Multiple Choice Exams." [University of Guelph](#). 2010