

What are Multiple Choice Questions (Reading)?

Worksheet

Multiple choice questions are reading tasks where you select one correct answer from four options (A-D). They test comprehension of main ideas, details, and implied meanings in the passage.

Questions

1. In IELTS Reading MCQs, how many correct answers exist for each question?
A) 1
B) 2
C) 3
D) Up to 4
2. What should you do first when answering an MCQ?
A) Read all four options immediately
B) Scan the entire passage
C) Read and understand the question carefully
D) Make a quick guess
3. Which strategy is LEAST effective for MCQs?
A) Scanning for keywords
B) Reading the full context around keywords
C) Eliminating obviously wrong answers
D) Guessing randomly without reading
4. An MCQ asks 'What does the author imply...?' — what are you looking for?
A) A directly stated fact
B) A word definition
C) An indirect or suggested meaning
D) A date or number
5. Passage: 'The Sahara is the world's largest hot desert, spanning about 9 million square kilometers across North Africa.' Question: What size is the Sahara?
6. Passage: 'Although AI technology is improving rapidly, many experts believe it still lacks the creativity of human artists.' Question: What does the passage imply about AI creativity?
7. Passage: 'The author criticizes the policy harshly, calling it 'destructive and short-sighted'.' Question: What is the author's tone toward the policy?
8. Define: How many answer options are in an IELTS Reading MCQ?
9. Define: What types of understanding do MCQs test?
10. Define: What is the key first step in answering an MCQ?

Answer Key

1. A) 1 — Exactly one answer is correct; the other three are distractors.
2. C) Read and understand the question carefully — Understanding the question ensures you know what to look for in the passage.
3. D) Guessing randomly without reading — Random guessing has only a 25% chance; strategic reading and elimination are far better.
4. C) An indirect or suggested meaning — 'Imply' means indirect meaning — you must infer from the passage, not find a direct statement.
5. Read the question: it asks for the Sahara's size Scan the passage for the key fact: '9 million square kilometers' Correct answer identifies this size correctly Eliminate options that are too large, too small, or unrelated
6. Identify the question type: asking about an implied meaning, not a direct fact Look for the supporting sentence: 'lacks the creativity...' Correct answer reflects this limitation Wrong answers might say 'AI is superior' or 'AI creativity doesn't matter' — avoid these distortions
7. Question asks for tone/attitude, not facts Find supporting language: 'criticizes harshly', 'destructive' Infer the author's negative tone Correct answer should reflect disapproval; wrong answers might say 'neutral', 'approving', or 'confused'
8. Four options (A, B, C, D).
9. Main ideas, details, implied meanings, vocabulary in context, author's tone, and purpose.
10. Read the question carefully to understand exactly what it's asking.

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