Tips for Multiple Choice Questions

General Test Strategies:

Read the directions carefully
- Know if each question asks for one or more correct option
- Know if you are penalized for guessing
- Know how much time is allowed per section and on the test in general

Preview the test.
- Read through the test quickly and answer the easiest questions first.
- Make a mental note or mark those you think you might know

Read through the test a second time and answer more difficult questions.
- You may pick up cues for answers from the first reading, or become more comfortable in the testing situation.

If time allows, review both questions and answers
- It is possible that you mis-read questions the first time, and so going through it again will help you catch those mistakes.

Some strategies for answering difficult questions:

1. Eliminate options you know to be incorrect
   If allowed, mark words or alternatives in questions that eliminate the option
2. Give each option of a question the "true-false test:"
   This may reduce your selection to the best answer. Options that consist of false statements are likely to be incorrect answers.
3. Question options that contain negative or absolute words.
   For example, words such as never or always at times should cause you to review that option more closely.
4. When considering the "All of the above" Option
   If you know two of three options seem correct, "all of the above" is a strong possibility

Guessing on Multiple Choice:

1. Guess when there is no penalty
   for guessing and you can eliminate options
2. Use hints from questions you know
   to answer questions you are still unsure of.

Remember that you are looking for the best answer for that specific question, not just one that consists of a true statement.