

A Recipe for Success- Part 2

Last month's article highlighted several exam preparation techniques, such as educated guessing and time management, that will assist candidates in preparing for the exam. This article provides additional ingredients for the "Recipe for Success."

Dr. Gleim has always warned exam candidates to "expect the unexpected and adjust." To help you achieve this goal, we recommend you do at least one 20-question test of multiple choice questions as you begin each study unit in your prep program. This technique will increase your competence and confidence answering difficult questions, especially those where you are not sure of the answer. In addition, by taking this quiz "cold" prior to starting the review, you'll be able to determine what you know and what you don't know. This assessment will assist in tailoring your studies to YOUR weaker areas.

When approaching each multiple choice question, Gleim recommends that you

-Read the question stem (the part of the question that precedes the answer choices) carefully to determine the precise requirement. Focusing on what is required enables you to ignore extraneous information and to proceed directly to determining the correct answer.

-Determine the correct answer before reading the answer choices. The objective is to avoid allowing the answer choices to affect your reading of the question. **Cover up the answer choices** by scrolling (or using your hand) to view only the question. Do not allow the answer choices to affect your reading of the stem. When four answer choices are presented, three of them are incorrect. They are called distractors for a very good reason.

-Select the best answer. If you are uncertain, make an educated guess. Remember to **answer all questions**. Your grade will be based on the total number of correct answers, which means that there is no penalty for guessing.

Keep in mind that as a North Arkansas Chapter member, you receive a 20% discount on the Gleim CIA Review materials, which include thousands of multiple-choice questions for practice. Contact Kara Pretty at 800.874.5346, ext. 147 or kara.pretty@gleim.com to take advantage of this offer or if you have any questions.

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