

Test-Taking Strategies

General Suggestions for Taking the MAT

The MAT involves general and academic knowledge and analytical skills acquired over years of study and learning, so cramming will not help much. Instead, familiarize yourself with the structure of the MAT by reviewing the content descriptions and sample items available in the MAT Study Guide at www.MillerAnalogies.com.

Work quickly but carefully, not dwelling on items that are unfamiliar or seem too difficult. Skip the items that are most difficult and return to them as time allows. Points are not deducted for incorrect responses. If you are not sure which answer choice is correct for an item, eliminate as many options as you can first. If you have doubts about an answer to an item, change your choice only if you have a valid reason.

When taking the test, be physically and mentally prepared—well rested, fed, and comfortably dressed.

Specific Strategies for Solving MAT Analogies

For each MAT analogy, read each of the three given terms carefully. Then determine the relationships between the two possible pairs among the three given terms. Without looking at the answer options, think of a fourth term that would complete an analogy along with the three given terms. You may be able to identify more than one possible analogy that would include the three given terms. Finally, examine the answer options, and select the option that most closely resembles your idea of a term that would complete the analogy.

Regardless of how the terms in a MAT analogy are presented, there is only one valid and logical relationship that exists between each pair of terms.

For more detailed information about solving MAT analogies, and for examples of each type of analogy, go to the “MAT Study Guide” on www.MillerAnalogies.com.

Online Practice Tests

The Practice Tests, available at www.MillerAnalogies.com, are designed to familiarize you with the types of items and the specific content areas that you will encounter on the MAT. Go to the website for more information about preparing for the MAT.