

FCAT Test Tips for Students

1. Remember how to answer each kind of question. The FCAT has four types of questions:
 - Multiple choice
 - Gridded response
 - Short answer
 - Long Answer
2. Read each question carefully and think about the answer before writing a response. Always refer to the passage or other information provided for your response.
3. Plan to take about 5 minutes for each short answer question and 10 – 15 minutes for each long answer question.
4. Answer questions you are sure about first. If a question seems too hard, skip it and go back to that question later.
5. Be sure to fill in the answer bubbles correctly. Do not make any stray marks around the answer spaces.
6. There is no penalty for guessing or for wrong answers. Therefore, it is best to try to answer all questions, even if you are not sure of the correct answers.
7. Think positively. Some questions may seem hard, but you may be able to figure out what to do if you read the question carefully.
8. Relax. Some people get nervous when taking a test. It's natural. Just do your best.