

Question types (adapted from Crosswind PM with Razvan's own tactical tips)

General tactic (applies to all types):

- Come up with YOUR OWN answer, BEFORE reading any of the 4 given answers – shouldn't take more than a second or so!
- Only then read the answers: usually, there's a matching answer "blinking" at you
CAUTION: If one of the answers is indeed "blinking" at you, DO NOT skip reading all the other answers! Smart question designers may want to test if you'll consider all options before making a decision.

Select BEST...

Tactic:

- Eliminate obvious wrong ones (typically 2)
- Pick the BEST answer, keeping in mind its relevance to the question!

... NOT/EXCEPT...

Tactic:

- Think in reverse terms: cross everything that IS (rather than is NOT/EXCEPT) true (usually 2 obvious ones)
- Pick the one "less true" (again, keep in mind its relevance to the question, not only if a statement is true)
- Reverse back to NOT/EXCEPT and validate that your choice still stands

All answers (or 2 answer combinations)

Tactic:

- Despite their nasty "looks", these might be among the easiest to decode: if any of the answers in the indicated set is False, then the "All..." cannot be the correct answer – cross it and go back to the other options

None of the answers

Tactic:

- Very similar to previous type: if any of the answers in the indicated set is True, then the "None..." cannot be the correct answer – cross it and go back to the other options

***Sequencing (chicken and the egg)
or “what comes first?”
or “what comes before or after this?”***

Tactic:

- Keep in mind that while PMBOK says that processes don't always happen in a strict sequential order, for this type of questions you should assume that they do
- Remember that the order applies to Processes and/or Process Groups, NOT to Knowledge Areas

Situational

Tactic:

- Despite having the reputation of being the hardest, this type of questions is not hard to solve
- However, pay close attention to how you manage time on these questions – some are very long, filled with irrelevant info (distracters), and can “trap” you in a “time-spin”
- Usually they are combined with other question types (e.g. Select BEST, or NOT/EXCEPT...)
- Avoid reading it multiple times (especially if a long question): read the last part of the question – this will help you focus your attention on what's relevant in the question, during your first pass reading; else, you might have to read it a second (or third time) – lot of precious time being wasted!

Calculation

Tactic:

- Even if you hate math, these are usually the simplest questions (that is, if you haven't forgotten your formulas – hence, make sure you do a Brain-dump at the beginning; formulas seem too mysteriously “fade away” during stressful times...)
- Watch out for “Not enough info...” answers