Tried & True Test-Taking Tips
(that’s a lot of “T’s”!)

The RIGHT WAY to Take A Test:

Before the test:
1. Make sure you study for the test (duh).
2. Pay someone smart to take the test for you.
3. ***Get a good night’s rest before the test, even if it means less last minute cramming — all the cramming in the world won’t help you if you can’t stay awake during the test.***
4. ***Eat a good meal before you leave for school, or at very least drink a glass of milk — your brain needs lots of protein to think, so don’t starve it!***
5. Give yourself plenty of time to get to school and get settled in so you do not feel rushed.
6. Remember all necessary test-taking materials such as pens, pencils, calculators, etc.

During the test:
1. Pace yourself so you have enough time to complete the entire test. If necessary, bring a watch or similar so you always know what time it is.
2. If you are struggling with a particular question, circle it and move on — don’t waste time on it, you can always return back to it later if time permits.
3. Eliminate the choices that are obviously wrong and then choose the best answer from those that remain.
4. Often the correct answer will be the one that doesn’t “fit the pattern” that the other three answers establish — if you must guess, try to find the answer that does not fit the pattern.
5. DON’T LEAVE ANY ANSWERS BLANK — guesses cost nothing but you will certainly get a question wrong if you don’t write anything.
6. When finished, check your answers over and look for any obvious mistakes, unanswered/skipped questions and so on.