

Worksheet 2: Some Common Design Issues in Multiple Choice Questions

One problem when discussing the design of MCQs is that the specific subjects of the questions themselves can get in the way of a general discussion on MCQ design. Below is a series of questions that are completely free of subject bias. Each of these questions contains a design problem, obvious or less obvious, that leads people to be able to spot the "right" answer. See if you can spot these answers and identify the 8 design issues.

Question 1

The usual function of grunge-prowlers is to remove

- A grunges
- B snarts
- C trigs
- D grods

Question 2

Antigrottification occurs on

- A spring mornings
- B summer evenings provided there is no rain after dusk
- C autumn afternoons
- D winter nights

Question 3

Lurkies suffer from trangitis because

- A their prads are always underdeveloped
- B all their brizes are horizontal
- C their curnpieces are usually imperfect
- D none of their dringoes can ever adapt

Question 4

Non-responsive frattling is usually found in an

- A gringle
- B janket
- C kloppie
- D uckerpod

Question 5

Which of the following are exceptions to the law of lompicality?

- A the miltrip and the nattercup
- B the bifid pantrip
- C the common queeter
- D the flanged ozzle

Question 6

Which must be present for parbling to take place?

- A phlot and runge
- B runge
- C stuke and runge
- D runge and trake

Question 7

One common disorder of an overspragged uckerpod is

- A copious vezzling
- B intermittent weggerment
- C non-responsive frattling
- D uneven yerkation

Question 8

Which one of these is the correct answer?

- A
- B
- C
- D

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