Put the steps for taking matching question-based exams in order!

1. Examine both lists to determine the types of items and their relationships.
   - Remember the test maker may be testing to see if you have mastered terms.
   - Look completely through both lists to become familiar with the words, build your confidence, and enhance your memory of key words or phrases.

2. Use one list as a starting point to go through the second list to find a match.
   - This process organizes your thinking and promotes memory.
   - As you become familiar with the second list, you will be able to go straight to a match that you saw when looking through the lists a previous time.

3. Move through the entire list before selecting a match because a more correct answer may follow.
   - Be careful of thinking you know the answer when there are two very close terms.
   - If you’ve got a combination test and you really aren’t sure, come back to the matching after you’ve looked through the rest of the test – answers may be hidden elsewhere!

4. Cross off items on the second list only when you are certain you have a match.
   - BEWARE: Some answers can be used more than once, so make sure to either read the instructions or ask your instructor before the test starts if that’s the case.

5. Do not guess until all absolute matches have been made because you will likely eliminate an answer that could be used for a later choice.

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