

## TIPS: HOW TO EVALUATE EXAM QUESTIONS

**WATCH FOR ABSOLUTES** and take these words literally. Absolutes define the parameters of the question. **Examples of absolutes are: always, never, none, must, absolutely, all, every time and only.**

- Take mental note of these words once you see them.
- These words usually make a statement FALSE.

**WATCH FOR QUALIFIERS.** Qualifiers specify the boundaries of the question and set the stage for a choice being correct or incorrect. **Examples of qualifiers are: frequently, usually, often, sometimes, occasionally, probably, likely, could, might, should, few, many and some.**

- Take mental note of these words once you see them.
- These words usually make a statement TRUE.

**WATCH FOR NEGATIVES.** Notice negatives because they can reverse the meaning of a sentence or present the question in a manner opposite to your typical way of thinking. **Examples of negatives are: no, not, none and never.** Negatives can also be prefixes like il- (as in illogical), un- (as in uninterested) and im- (as in impatient).

**WATCH FOR ATTRACTIVE DISTRACTORS.** These are words that look like the word to be defined. **For example, hypo resembles hyper.** If you are not sure which choice is correct, try some of the following techniques to choose the best response:

**Notice UNFAMILIAR TERMS:**

1. These words are often included as distractors.
2. If you don't know what these words mean, then don't choose them.
3. The only time it is wise to pick answers with unfamiliar terms is when you are **CERTAIN** that all the other answers are incorrect.

**USE GRAMMATICAL CLUES.** Look at the stem to determine the tense of verb(s) and the person tense being used (1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th person). Read the stem with each option, one by one, to eliminate any choices that do not make grammatical sense with the stem.

**STICK TO THE SCENARIO** as it is presented. The question stem will provide all of the information you are expected to consider. Avoid adding unspecified factors or "what-ifs" into the question, changing the parameters of the scenario.

**CHOOSE THE BETTER OPTION.** Multiple-choice answers may have some truth to them, making them good options. To isolate the better choice from the good options:

- Use **elimination** to narrow down the choices to just two.
- If both seem true, **pick the choice that is in some way better than just being good** (has more truth, is more often true, etc.).
- Be sure to **reread the stem (or question)** before selecting your final answer.

The PATH Intl. certification exam will introduce you to a variety of question types. Utilizing the practice questions provided at the end of each section of this guide will provide you with insight on the question format you will see on the actual test.

## TEST DAY CHECKLIST

The night before the exam, gather the items you need to take with you to the testing site. This will prepare you for the test center admittance process and help you be more relaxed on test day.

- Dress comfortably.
- Bring proper identification.
- Arrive to the test center 30 minutes early.
- Follow the test-center admittance process:
  1. Check in.
  2. Present one current, valid, government-issued, photo-bearing identification with signature (e.g., driver's license, passport) and your Authorization To Test (ATT) letter from PATH Intl. \*\*Please note: You won't be able to enter the testing center without proper ID or if the name on your ID does not exactly match the name as shown on your ATT letter.
  3. Provide a digital signature as evidence of agreement with the testing rules.
  4. Allow test-center staff to take a standardized passport-style photo of you.
  5. Wait while test-center staff compare the signature and photo to those on your ID or, if you have tested with Pearson VUE before, to those displayed from the prior test administration.
  6. Upon verification of identity and eligibility for testing, you will be instructed to stow your personal items in the lockers provided.
  7. As an eligible candidate who has successfully proceeded through this process, you will be permitted to enter the testing room and select a workstation at which to take your exam.
- During the test, do not engage in any prohibited behavior.
- Complete the exam.

***Remember, with the right preparation, you can feel confident on test day. Good luck!***

## GETTING YOUR TEST RESULTS

Exams are scored immediately and examinees will receive a report before they leave the testing center confirming whether or not they have received a passing score. Examinees must earn a minimum of 250 out of 300 possible points to receive a passing score.

How to interpret your results:

### YOU RECEIVED A SCORE OF 250 OR HIGHER:

Congratulations, you are considered by PATH Intl. to be qualified to teach therapeutic riding lessons unsupervised! Certificants will receive an official certification results letter and instructor certificate from PATH Intl. within 6 weeks.

### YOU RECEIVED A SCORE OF LESS THAN 250:

Don't worry, all is not lost, there is a percentage of examinees who don't pass each time. You may take the following steps to arrange a retake:

1. Refer to the retake policies on page 11 of the CTRI Candidate Handbook to make sure you understand your eligibility to retest.
2. Contact PATH Intl. at [CTRICertification@pathintl.org](mailto:CTRICertification@pathintl.org) to request a retake and an invoice for the exam fee. The full exam fee must be remitted for each retake requested. Allow 24 hours for your eligibility to retest to be confirmed and an invoice to be created.
3. Complete payment for the certification exam fee.
4. Within 48 hours of completing payment for the exam fee, receive an updated Authorization to Test letter. Refer to the instructions in the letter to book another certification exam appointment.
5. Complete the exam.  
*(Repeat the above steps as needed for additional retakes.)*