

OBJECTIVE TEST ITEM CHECKLIST

All items should be:

- Relevant to the objective
- In language appropriate for the trainees
- Independent of other items
- Free from clues to give away answers
- Unambiguous
- Clearly worded
- Technically accurate
- The best type of question to test the trainee=s knowledge

Sentence completion, ‘short answer’ items should:

- Have one correct answer
- Contain no irrelevant content
- Have a short stem
- Require a short answer
- Allow adequate space for the answer, on the right-hand side

Multi choice, multi-response, and matching items should:

- Contain homogeneous material
- Have real alternatives and plausible distracters
- Use directions indicating the number of possible correct answers
- Have choice of approximately the same length
- Have choices that fit the stem
- Allow adequate space for answers

True / False items should:

- Be sufficiently plausible
- Be clearly, and wholly, ‘true’ or ‘false’ to a competent trainee
- Not include extreme words, such as ‘all’, ‘always’, or ‘never’

Sequencing items should

- Give the trainee opportunity to rearrange methods procedures or sequences