

Tips for Approaching MBE Style Questions

- Read the call of the question first. The call is the short statement or question that follows the fact pattern. Reading the call of the question first helps you identify the subject and the issue that is being tested.
- Read the answer choices. Reviewing the answer choices will also help you identify the issue and subject.
- Read the entire question and mark up the question as you read it. Reading the question with the issue and subject in mind assists you in focusing in on relevant facts. However, you must read the entire question and take notes, underline, or diagram as you read the question. Although the fact patterns are relatively short, it can be difficult to keep track of the parties and facts if you do not mark up the question. Marking up the question also promotes active learning and helps you focus your concentration.
- It is usually easy to eliminate two of the answer choices. If you are stuck between two answer choices, make sure that you have identified the legal issue that is being tested. If you have time, re-read the question and look for key facts that will help you distinguish between the two answer choices.

(On the MBE, you have 1 minute and 48 seconds per question. Time management is key. If you are stuck on one question, make a note of the question number and move on to the next question.)

- Work through practice MBE and multiple choice problems and review the answer explanations for every question. The UC Hastings Law Library has numerous MBE and multiple choice question resources on reserve (<http://libguides.uchastings.edu/ca-bar-exam/MBE-practice-questions> and <http://libguides.uchastings.edu/ca-bar-exam/mbe>.)