



Blackboard Test Question Types

Blackboard Test Question Types allow instructors to set up assessments that can be automatically graded by Blackboard. Instructors can create assessments with questions ranging from identification to higher level evaluation.

Please review this list of **Blackboard Test Question Types**:

1. **True or False:** True/False questions allow the student to choose either true or false. True and False answer options are limited to the words True and False.
2. **Fill in the Blank:** Fill in the Blank answers are evaluated based on an exact text match. Accordingly, it is important to keep the answers simple and limited to as few words as possible. Answers are not case sensitive, but are evaluated based on spelling.
3. **Multiple Choice:** Multiple-choice questions allow the students a multitude of choices with only one correct answer. In multiple-choice questions, students indicate the correct answer by selecting a radio button. The number of answer choices is limited to 20.
4. **Multiple Answer:** Multiple answer questions allow students to choose more than one answer. Partial credit is not given for partially correct answers, but instructors may manually change the number of points a student receives on the Grade Assessment page.
5. **Ordering:** Ordering questions require students to provide an answer by selecting the correct order of a series of items. Students will be granted partial credit for ordering questions if they answer part of the question correctly. For example, if the question is worth eight points and the student gives the correct order for half of the items, they will receive four points.
6. **Matching:** Matching questions allow students to pair items in one column to items in another column. Instructors may include a different number of questions and answers in a Matching question. Students will be granted partial credit for matching questions if they answer part of the question correctly. For example, if the question is worth eight points and the student gives the correct answers for half of the matches, they will receive four points.
7. **Essay:** Essay questions require the instructor to provide students with a question or statement. Students are given the opportunity to type an answer into a text field. Sample answers can be added for students or graders to use as a reference. These types of questions must be graded manually on the Grade Assessment page. Essay questions may use the Math and Science Notation Tool.



8. **Calculated Formula:** Calculated Formula question contains a formula, the variables of which can be set to change for each student. The variable range is created by specifying a minimum value and a maximum value for each variable. Answer sets are randomly generated. The correct answer can be a specific value or a range of values. Partial credit may be granted for answers falling in a range.
9. **Calculated Numeric Response:** This question resembles a fill-in-the-blank question. The student enters a number to complete a statement. The correct answer can be a specific number or within a range of numbers.
10. **File Response:** Students upload a file from the local drive as the answer to the question. This type of question is graded manually.
11. **Hot Spot:** Students indicate the answer by marking a specific point on an image. A range of pixel coordinates is used to define the correct answer. Hot Spot refers to the area of an image that, when selected, yields a correct answer.
12. **Fill in Multiple Blanks:** This question type builds on fill-in-the-blank questions with multiple fill-in-the-blank responses that can be inserted into a sentence or paragraph. Separate sets of answers are defined for each blank.
13. **Jumbled Sentence:** Students are shown a sentence with a few parts of the sentence as variables. The student selects the proper answer for each variable from drop-down lists to assemble the sentence. Only one set of answers is used for all of the drop-down lists.
14. **Opinion Scale/Likert:** Question type based on a rating scale designed to measure attitudes or reactions. Students indicate the multiple choice answer that represents their attitude or reaction. When the instructor creates an opinion scale question, six answer fields are pre-populated with the following answers:
 - Strongly Agree • Agree • Neither Agree nor Disagree
 - Disagree • Strongly Disagree • Not Applicable
15. **Short Answer:** Short Answer questions are similar to essay questions. The length of the answer can be limited to a specified number of rows in the text box. The number of rows is meant as a guideline when entering an answer; it does not impose an absolute limit on answer length.
16. **Either/Or:** Students are presented with a statement and asked to respond using a selection of pre-defined two-choice answers, such as:
 - Yes/No • Agree/Disagree • Right/Wrong



17. **Quiz Bowl:** The student is shown the answer and responds by entering the correct question into a text box. An answer must include a phrase and a question word, such as who, what, or where, to be marked as correct. Partial credit may be given if the question word is not included in the answer.
18. **Random Block:** Random Block questions are a fast way to set up an assessment. However, it is only truly effective if you have taken the time to build a large library of questions in a question pool. First, select the categories of questions from which you would like to obtain a random cross-section. Next, fill in the total number of questions you would like to import, as well as the point value of each question. Choose cancel or import.
19. **From Question Pool or Assessment:** This performs a function similar to a Random Block. This is a way to select a particular question instead of a random question. You may choose to select a question from any previously created assessment or from any pool of questions; by clicking the advanced tab, you may choose a question based upon its category, topic, difficulty or keyword as well.
20. **Upload Questions:** This feature allows the user to upload a question or set of questions from a local file, as well as assign a universal point value to each of the questions uploaded in the same batch.