

Scorable Document Marking Guidelines for Students

This document is a guide for students to follow when using highlighters, making notes and using place holders on the scorable documents for Ohio's State Tests.

Reminder: Students should only use a #2 pencil to answer questions on the test. For questions with response boxes, only answers written in the space provided will be scored. Answers written outside of the response box will not be scored. For questions with bubbled responses, the student should fill in the circle next to the student's answer choice; circled responses will not be scored.

Highlighting	Students may use highlighters of any color in the scorable document, but they should be careful not to highlight any of the bubble response areas, written response boxes, scanning T-marks or document identifying numbers at the bottom of the page (as noted in the following examples).
Notes and Stray Marks	Students may make notes on any page (e.g., eliminating an answer, writing annotations), but students must erase all marks in the response areas or around the scanning T-marks (outlined in red in the following examples) other than their final responses. Stray marks may interfere with scanning and scoring. Schools may encourage students to make notes on scratch paper, rather than in the scorable documents.
Sticky Notes and Other Place Holders	Do not use sticky notes on scorable documents because they may interfere with scanning and scoring. Place holders without adhesives, masking devices, colored overlays, writing instruments or pointers may be used, but must be removed from documents after testing. Securely destroy materials with student handwriting.

The following pages contain sample pages showing where students should and should not make marks.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Can a student use the eliminate answer strategy?

Yes. Students may cross out an answer choice but must avoid making this mark within the response area.

For example, this is **acceptable** because the student **avoided the response area**:

- Ⓐ ~~north~~
- Ⓑ south
- Ⓒ east
- Ⓓ west

This example is **not acceptable** because the student made the mark **in the response area**:

- ~~Ⓐ north~~
- Ⓑ south
- Ⓒ east
- Ⓓ west

2) May test administrators review scorable documents after testing is complete to ensure all stray marks have been erased or that highlighting has not occurred near response areas?

No. Test administrators may not review students' scorable documents.



1.

$T(x) =$

Write the right side of the equation in the box shown above.

2.

-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

Example of a Written Response Box

-Students should write their response within the box outlined in black.

Example of Math Response Area

-Erase all stray marks within these areas.
-Do not highlight any of the bubble response areas.

3.

(A) (B) (C) (D)

Examples of T-Marks and Document Identifying Numbers

-Erase all stray marks within these areas.
-Do not highlight in these areas.



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14.

A large rectangular area with horizontal lines, intended for writing a response. It is bounded by a thin black line. Two red arrows originate from the corners of this area and point towards the top corners of the page.

Example of a Writing Response Page
 -Students should write their response within this box.
 -Students must not mark near T-marks or the numbers at the bottom of the page.

Examples of T-Marks and Document Identifying Numbers
 -Erase all stray marks within these areas.
 -Do not highlight in these areas.

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Example of a Response Page.

-Students may make notes with pencils on this page. However, students must erase all marks near the response areas, T-marks and numbers at the bottom of the page.



- 1. (A) (B)
- 2. (A) (B)
- 3. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 4. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 5. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 6. (A) (B) (C) (D)

7. Part A

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

Part B

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

- 8. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 9. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 10. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 11. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 12. (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 13. (A) (B) (C) (D)

14. Select two answers.

- (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I)

15. Part A

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

Part B

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

- 16. (A) (B) (C) (D)

Examples of T-Marks and Document Identifying Numbers

-Erase all stray marks within these areas.
-Do not highlight in these areas.

Example of a Response Area

-Erase all stray marks within these areas.
-Do not highlight any of the bubble response areas.

