



# Question Types in Blackboard

Creating Tests in Blackboard

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Blackboard provides a variety of question types to choose from when creating a test.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [lms.imamu.edu.sa](https://lms.imamu.edu.sa). The page displays a success message: "Success: Test 1 created." Below this is the "Test Canvas: Test 1" header, followed by a descriptive sentence: "The Test Canvas lets you add, edit, and reorder questions, as well as review a test. [More Help](#)". A navigation bar contains three buttons: "Create Question" (with a dropdown arrow), "Reuse Question" (with a dropdown arrow), and "Upload Questions". The "Create Question" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of question types: Calculated Formula, Calculated Numeric, Either/Or, Essay, File Response, Fill in Multiple Blanks, Fill in the Blank, Hot Spot, Jumbled Sentence, Matching, Multiple Answer, Multiple Choice, Opinion Scale/Likert, Ordering, Quiz Bowl, Short Answer, and True/False. The main content area is empty and contains the text: "This test has no questions! Create questions or add questions from other tests".

# Multiple Choice Questions

- ☞ It's graded automatically, and you can allow partial and negative credit\*.
- ☞ The default number of choices is 4.
- ☞ If you want to increase the number of choices, select the preferred number from the [Number of Answers](#) menu. To reduce the number of answers, select [Remove](#) under the answer boxes to delete them.
- ☞ A multiple choice question must have at least 2 answers and no more than 100 answers.
- ☞ Write an answer in each box.
- ☞ Select the option for **one** correct answer, by checking the [Correct](#) check box.

\**Partial credit* rewards students whose answer demonstrates they know some of the material.

\**Negative credit* discourages guessing.

# Multiple Choice Questions (2)

Select the number of answer choices, fill in the fields with possible answers, and select the correct answer.

Number of Answers

Correct

Answer 1.

**T** **T** **T** Arial 3 (12pt) T :≡ ≡ ABC ↕ ↻ ↻ ↻

Path: p

Words:0

Remove

Answer 2.

**T** **T** **T** Arial 3 (12pt) T :≡ ≡ ABC ↕ ↻ ↻ ↻

# Multiple Answer Questions

- ☞ This type is similar to the multiple choice question, but the only difference is that it allows students to choose **more than one** answer.
- ☞ Avoid using this type if you want to include “none of the above” or “all of the above” option.
- ☞ It’s graded automatically, and you can allow partial and negative credit.
- ☞ After typing the Question Text and completing the Answer box for each answer, select the Correct check box for each answer to select the correct answers.

# True/ False Questions

- ✧ It's graded automatically.
- ✧ Type the question in the form of a statement that students can answer with true or false.
- ✧ Select the correct answer: True or False.
- ✧ Answer options are limited to the words True and False.

# Either/ Or Questions

- ✧ It's graded automatically.
- ✧ In Either/Or questions, students are given a statement and asked to choose from two options:
  - Yes/ No
  - Agree/ Disagree
  - Right/ Wrong
  - True/ False



# Fill in the Blank Questions

- ✎ A Fill in the Blank question consists of a phrase, sentence, or paragraph with a blank space where a student provides the missing word or words.
- ✎ Fill in the Blank questions are graded automatically. A student's answer must match the answer you provided to be counted as correct. There are three evaluation methods (a dropdown menu next to the answer box):
  - ✓ Exact match
  - ✓ Contains part of the correct answer
  - ✓ Matches a pattern that you specify
- ✧ Choose [Contains Part of the Correct Answer](#) from the dropdown menu to count a student's answer as correct if it includes the word or words you specify.
- ✧ You choose whether or not the answers are case-sensitive (to take capitalization into account).
- ✧ It's recommended to limit answers to one word to avoid difficulties with auto-grading.

# Fill in the Blank Questions (2)

- ☞ When you type the question, the answer fields should be a character encased in square brackets, for example [x].



\* Question Text

There [x] a book.

Path: p Words:4

The screenshot shows a question editor interface. At the top, there is a title '\* Question Text'. Below the title is a toolbar with various icons for text formatting, including bold, italic, underline, font color, background color, bulleted list, numbered list, link, and unlink. The main text area contains the text 'There [x] a book.'. At the bottom left, it says 'Path: p' and at the bottom right, it says 'Words:4'.

# Fill in the Blank Questions (3)

- ☞ To accept different answers (e.g. different in spelling, capitalization, or spacing), go to the [Number of Answers](#) dropdown menu and choose the preferred number of answers you wish to accept.

The screenshot shows a question editor interface. At the top, there is a text area with the question text "There [x] a book." and a path field containing "p". Below the question text is a section titled "ANSWERS". Underneath, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Number of Answers" with the value "2" selected, which is highlighted with a red box. Below this, there are two answer entries. The first entry is labeled "Answer 1" and has a dropdown menu set to "Contains" with the text "is" entered in the input field. The second entry is labeled "Answer 2" and has a dropdown menu set to "Contains" with the text "Is" entered in the input field. Both answer entries have a "Case Sensitive" checkbox and a "Remove" button.

# Fill in Multiple Blanks Questions

☞ This type is similar to fill in the blank questions. The only difference is that students view a text that can contain up to **10 blanks**.

**ANSWERS FOR: A**

Number of Answers: 1

\*Answer 1: Contains

Case Sensitive

**ANSWERS FOR: B**

Number of Answers: 2

\*Answer 1: Exact Match

Case Sensitive Remove

\*Answer 2: Exact Match

Case Sensitive Remove

**ANSWERS FOR: C**

Number of Answers: 1

\*Answer 1: Exact Match

Case Sensitive

*Click Next to specify feedback. Click Back to go back to the previous page. Click Cancel to quit.*

Previous Cancel Next

# Jumbled Sentence Questions

- ☞ This type is similar to fill in multiple blanks questions. The only difference is that students choose the answer from a dropdown menu.
- ☞ The **same** dropdown menu is used for all the blanks within a text. The menu can contain the correct answers and distractors (up to 100 answers).
- ☞ When you type the question, the answer fields should be a character encased in square brackets, for example [x].
- ☞ You may need to review students' grades because the whole question (with multiple blanks) might be graded as zero if there's an incorrect answer. Check the [Allow Partial Credit](#) check box to give a percentage of the total points for each correct answer.

# Matching Questions

- It's corrected automatically, and you can allow partial and negative credit\*.
- You may need to review students' grades because the whole question might be graded as zero if there's an incorrect answer . Check the [Allow Partial Credit](#) check box to enter the preferred percentage for each question/ answer pair.

The screenshot shows a question editor interface. At the top, there is a 'Question Title' field. Below it is the 'Question Text' area, which includes a rich text editor toolbar with options for bold, italic, underline, font color, font size (set to 3 (12pt)), text color, bulleted list, numbered list, link, and unlink. The main text area contains the placeholder text 'Type the question text here.' in red. Below the text area is a 'Path: p' field and a 'Words:0' counter. The 'OPTIONS' section contains three checkboxes: 'Allow Partial Credit' (checked), 'Allow Negative Scores for Incorrect Answers' (unchecked), and 'Answer Numbering' (set to 'Uppercase Letters (A, B, C)'). The 'Answer Numbering' dropdown is highlighted with a red box. Below the options is the 'QUESTIONS' section, which contains the instruction: 'Select the number of question items. Fill in the question item fields in the order the items will be displayed.'

Use this dropdown menu to choose the preferred way of how the answer choices are numbered.

\*Partial credit rewards students whose answer demonstrates they know some of the material.  
\*Negative credit discourages guessing.

# Matching Questions (2)

- ☞ The default number of Question/ Answer Pair is four. If you want to increase the number of questions, select the preferred number from the [Number of Questions](#) dropdown menu. To reduce the number of questions, select [Remove](#) under the Question/ Answer Pair to delete them.

Select the number of question items. Fill in the question item fields in the order the items will be displayed.

Number of Questions  Update Partial Credit %

## Question/Answer Pair 1

\* Question

Remove

**T T I** Arial  **T**

Path: p

Words:0

\* Answer

**T T I** Arial  **T**

# Matching Questions (3)

☞ You can select the order in which the answers will be shown to students.

## ANSWER ORDER

*Order item answers*

- Randomly
- Manually

| ↑↓ | Answer Choice   | Answer |
|----|-----------------|--------|
|    | Answer Choice 1 |        |
|    | Answer Choice 2 |        |
|    | Answer Choice 3 |        |
|    | Answer Choice 4 |        |



# Matching Questions (3)

- ☞ Write the answer in the [Answer](#) text box.
- ☞ You can check the [Reuse Answer Choice](#) to reuse an answer from a previous question/ answer pair.

Reuse answer choice from

# Essay Questions

- ☞ It's graded manually.
- ☞ Write the question in the Question Text box.

Question Title

\* Question Text

**T T T** Arial 3 (12pt) T :≡ ≡ REC ↻

Path: p Words:0

**ISWER**

You can add a sample answer that would be displayed to students after they take the test.

*Enter an answer to provide an example of a correct response.*

**T T T** Arial 3 (12pt) T :≡ ≡ REC ↻

# Short Answer Questions

- ☞ This type is similar to essay questions, but the only difference is that it accepts a maximum of six lines for an answer.

**\* Question Text**

**T T T** Arial 3 (12pt) T ☰ ☷ ✓ ☎ ☎

Path: p Words:0

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**ANSWER**

*Enter an answer to provide an example of a correct response.*

Set the number of rows that will display in the answer field.

**Answer Text**

**T T T** Arial 3 (12pt) T ☰ ☷ ✓ ☎ ☎

# References:

Find the help you need. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://help.blackboard.com/>