

the goal picks the answer, not the notes



What this question puts in front of you

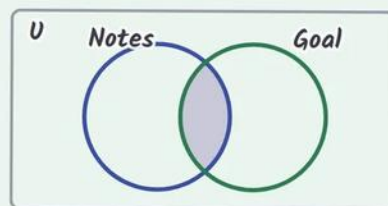
- instead of a paragraph you get a set of **bulleted notes**, written as if a student had taken them while researching
- the stem always names a **goal**: the student wants to introduce, to emphasise, to compare, to explain
- then it asks which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to accomplish that goal
- all four options are usually **true** to the notes. Truth is not the test here, and that is the whole difficulty



four named stops in order along one dashed path with no way back: read the goal, scan the notes, pick the facts it needs, then check the choice against the goal
read the **stem before the notes**. Reading five bullets without knowing what you want means reading them twice

Two circles, and only one region wins

- a winning choice has to be **in the notes** and has to **serve the goal**. Both, not either
- a choice built on facts from the notes that answer a different goal is the commonest wrong answer in this domain
- a choice that serves the goal beautifully but adds a fact no bullet contains is out, however sensible it sounds



two circles inside the box of everything sayable, overlapping in a shaded lens. Only the lens can win: the left crescent is a true note that misses the goal, the right one is on-goal but invented

Four ways a choice fails

- **invented**: adds a detail, a number or a link that no bullet supports
- **off-goal**: entirely accurate, but achieves a goal the stem did not ask for
- **partial**: does part of the goal, then spends its second half on a fact the goal has no use for
- **vague**: uses the right bullets but blurs the exact point the goal named, usually by dropping the numbers

Why a choice fails



one root branching into four faults drawn side by side at the same level, none of them worse than the others and none a step towards another

write one of these four words beside every option you reject. A fault you cannot name is not an elimination