

HOW TO PASS EXAMS!

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HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR TESTS:



1. Try to get a good night's sleep. Avoid last minute cramming the night before: it's usually ineffective, adds to your nervousness, and will result in you waking up feeling tired.
2. Organize the material into sections in your ring binder under topics covered in the course.
3. Try to see the main points of each topic as a whole first before delving into the detail. Details are easier to remember if you understand how they fit into the larger framework.
4. Review the material by reciting, from memory, orally, mentally or by writing your answers.
5. Try to discuss the main points in one topic with a friend.
6. Try to identify topics/themes or types of questions consistently asked by your teacher in past exams. Try to predict which questions might come up next time.
7. Do practice questions of the type that you will be writing - within the time limit of the actual exam.
8. For essay exams, practice organizing answers into a quick, short outline of the main points.
9. For multiple choice exams learn the overall structure of the material to be covered. This framework will hold together the many details to be learned.
10. Make review cards, using small index cards with one topic on each card
11. Condense the material into a very brief summary of the main points.
12. Look through the whole exam first. Be sure that you understand the instructions and questions.
13. Manage your time. How long can you spend on each question? Where will you need to spend more time, especially if some sections are worth more marks?
14. Try to allow yourself 10 minutes at the end of the exam to read through your script. Check for mistakes or omissions.

DID YOU KNOW

Most multiple choice tests have 4 possible answers; 1 is wrong, 2 are close and 1 is right!

Most tests start with the easier questions—try starting at the end of the test paper, so you can spend more time on the 'hard' questions!

If you don't know the answer—GUESS! You don't lose any marks!

ESSAY QUESTIONS.

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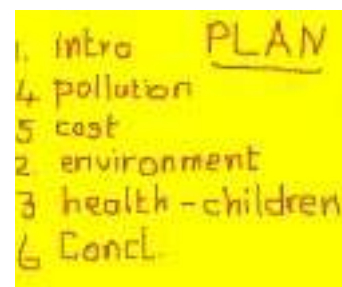
With short answer or essay questions, work through the questions in order, but if you cannot answer one, mark the question, pass on and come back to it later.

Underline key words in essay questions. Use these key words to develop a quick, short outline for essay-type questions.

Make a short essay plan, writing down your main points before you forget them. Don't be misled into thinking that marks will be given purely for the amount that you write: they won't. Teachers are looking to see that you have answered the question, and not merely written down everything that you know about the subject.

Keep an eye on the time. If you are answering a question on one of your better subjects, make sure that you do not run on too long as this will give you less time to answer the others.

<http://www.dyslexia-college.com/exam.html>



HOW TO REMEMBER INFORMATION

Chunk it!

It is easier to remember chunks of information. Try this;

162395842

Is best remembered as;

162 395 842

Link it!

Make up a story to remember this list of words.

1. Diamond
2. Brain
3. Hairbrush
4. Fire
5. Horse
6. Window
7. Gondola
8. Baby

9. Treasure
10. Doctor
11. Cook
12. Desk
13. Faint
14. Carpet
15. Planet
16. Dragon
17. Book
18. Violin
19. Lawnmower
20. Shadow

It is easier to remember something that has meaning to you.

It's easier if you can SEE it!

Peg it!

Use different pegs or hooks to remember your information.

You can use;

1. Body pegs
2. Room pegs
3. Your journey to school

See it!

Let's commit to memory this list of the royal houses of Great Britain in the order of their reigns.

1. Norman
2. Plantaganet
3. Lancaster
4. York
5. Tudor
6. Stuart
7. Hanover
8. Windsor

The best way to ensure you will remember is to revise the new information **AS SOON AS**

POSSIBLE, then again 24 hours later, then one week, and if enough time, one month.