

Tips and Strategies To help you ace the exam

Before Your exam

- The sooner you start preparing for your first test the better you'll perform.
 You should begin preparation for your first test early; this includes studying regularly, completely all your homework and reviewing study materials regularly.
- Make sure to attend all review sessions and pay close attention to hints that
 the instructor may provide for the test. Take detailed notes and ask questions
 about concepts and topics that you don't completely understand.

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Many students think that just because a test is open book that they don't need to prepare as much as they would for a closed book test. This couldn't be further from the truth. Open book exams are typically design to be more difficult than closed book exams.
Many open book tests are longer and more involved than closed book tests and consequently

Essays

Sometime an essay test will only require you answer a portion of the essays (i.e. "Answer 4 of the 6 essays").

An outline will help ensure that your essay is organized, easy to understand and complete.

The more details, facts and explanation you provide for each essay question, the more opportunities you will have for gaining points. However...

Be sure that the information you are writing is relevant to what the teacher is asking.

Before you start answering any one essay question make sure you count how many essay questions you must answer, how much each essay is worth and how long you have to answer each question. Make sure to spend only the allocated time per essay until you've answered all the essay questions. If you get done with your test early you can go back and complete any underdeveloped essays.

Multiple choice

Read the multiple choice question before you look through the answers.

Develop an answer for the question in your head before looking at answers presented, this way the choices given on the test won't trick you or influence your thought process.

Before figuring out which answer you believe is correct, eliminate the answers you know aren't correct.

Read all the answer choices before choosing your final answer.

If there isn't an penalty for guessing, always take an educated guess and select the answer you feel is most correct.

Usually your first choice is the right one, unless you misread the question. Don't keep changing your answers once you've made an educated decision

In "All of the above" and "None of the above" choices, if you are certain one of the statements is false don't choose "All of the Above" or one of the statements is true don't choose "None of the above".

In a question with an "All of the above" choice, if you are certain there at least two correct statements, then "All of the above" is most likely the correct answer.

True-False

You have a fifty-

Pay attention to keywords and qualifiers such as "never", "always" and "every" or "usually",

Just because part of

statement is true doesn't mean that the answer is true. If any part of the question is false, then the entire statement must be false -- even if there is some truth in the statement.

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