



Objective exams usually have multiple choice questions but also may have true/false, matching, and/or fill in the blank questions. Here are some tips for successful exam taking!

Prepare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid staying up late to study. A good night of sleep and food (protein) before your exam improves concentration and thinking• Know when your exam is and where it will be held• Bring the material allowed: calculator, books, equation sheet• Arrive on time or a bit early to be ready for when the exam begins
Familiarize	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the directions!• Look through the exam to see the length of the test and types of questions• Look at the point system: how much is each question/problem worth?• Allot your time for taking the exam with a few minutes left to review
Predict	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the question and try to answer it before looking at the options listed• Look at each option one at a time and ask yourself if it answers the question• Reason out which of the remaining answers is the “better” option
Key Words	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on words like “not,” “except,” “always” and determine how they impact the answer you choose• Highlight, or underline any of these words when you read through the exam to make sure they catch your eye when you go back to answer the questions
Verify	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review your answer by reading the question and answer together. Does your answer make sense?• ONLY change an answer if there is a glaring reason to do so. Most times your first response is correct due to your reasoning process

USE THE THREE TIMES THROUGH RULE!!

1. Take the exam answering only the questions you absolutely know. Mark others that you will return to later. This maximizes your time. Try not to worry about the questions you left blank! Information from other questions can help you with skipped questions.



2. Go through the exam a second time and answer those questions where you need time to reason out the correct answer. Spend the most time on these questions.



3. Reserve the third and final round for the most difficult questions where you really don't know the answer. There may be information from previous questions that help you choose an answer.