Study and Recall Strategies

The Student's Corner - Tips for Terrific Test Taking

Time Management Strategies

- Do not intend to study all day.
- Be realistic – do not plan a schedule you can not manage.
- Schedule breaks in your working day for fun, food, relaxation and exercise, but not all at once (IMPORTANT).
- Do difficult tasks at times when you are more productive.
- Do not attempt to do all the difficult topics at once.
- Try to give each subject appropriate time.
- Reward yourself when you achieve targets or goals.

Exam Techniques

- Have all the necessary material with you.
- Read the exam prompts carefully.
- Jot down ideas as they come to you and organize them.
- Don't leave any questions unanswered.
- Always proofread what you have written.

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- Decide the order of answering the questions.
- Look carefully at the mark allocation for each question to help you to set your time correctly.
- Start with the questions you feel most confident about.
- Read the question carefully 2 or 3 times.
- Highlight the key words to help you focus.
- Brainstorm the question prompt in the margin of your answer sheet.
- Check that the information you wrote is relevant to the question.
- Plan and structure your answer into introduction, body and conclusion.
- Allow some time at the end to revise your answer.
- Write clearly and legibly.

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Do's and Don’ts of Assessments

- Do connect class work to long-range goals
  Some students learn for the sake of the exam but studying in the end serves the purpose of setting your future and personal daily life.

- Do become active and involved in learning
  Becoming an active learner requires that you mentally process what you are learning. Write the material you’ve learned into your own words which will make it seem more meaningful to you.

- Do use multiple methods for learning
  Don’t think that the only way of studying is just memorization. Successful students learn best through using a variety of strategies such as reviewing notes, making flashcards, completing homework activities, outlining chapters or studying in groups. The methods used will vary depending on the nature of your module.

Revision Strategies

- Organise your notes.
- Keep things in a folder.
- Refer to past exam papers.
- Practice writing answers to questions.
- Share notes with other students.