



How To Study For An Objective Test

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A productive review involves the asking and answering of questions from your reading and lecture notes. Don't simply read and reread your notes. When studying for an exam you must practice the *giving out* of information.

- ♣ Cover the note side of the page leaving only the questions visible.
- ♣ Read each question and try to answer it; *writing* the answer will provide the *best* practice.
- ♣ After you've answered the question, check the notes to see if you are correct. If not, mark the questions before going on.
- ♣ After you've gone through the number of pages you want to study, go back and test yourself on the questions that were difficult.

WHAT TO DO WHEN TAKING AN OBJECTIVE TEST

- ♣ Read directions carefully. Understand each appropriate task. Does the professor want *one answer* or *more than one answer*?
- ♣ Quickly skim the exam. A five minute survey will give you an idea of the type of questions asked. Be sure to notice weights assigned to specific questions and sections.
- ♣ Formulate a plan for budgeting your time.
- ♣ Proceed through the exam.
- ♣ Answer the questions that you know first.
- ♣ Usually the first thing that comes to your mind is the right answer.
- ♣ *Don't get stuck! Go on and come back.* However, before going on to the next question, place a tick-mark beside the choice you favor so you don't have to repeat the whole reasoning process.
- ♣ Read *all* the choices. Sometimes the first choice is correct but not the *best*.
- ♣ Use the process of elimination. If you can eliminate two choices out of five as incorrect, you can then *guess, especially if there is no penalty for a wrong answer.*
- ♣ Watch for double negatives and absolute words such as *always* and *never*. Most professors don't mean to trick their students.
- ♣ Allow time to go back to the questions you marked. Your memory may have been triggered by another question by now.
- ♣ Be sure to check that *all* questions are answered.
- ♣ If you still have time, go back and reconsider each question, but don't change an answer unless you are positive that the new answer is correct.