

Test-Taking Tips

Bring everything you need. Prepare ahead of time.

Arrive Early. Don't sit near the panic-stricken or anxious people – it's contagious!

Take a few deep breaths & relax.

When you receive the exam:

- Read through the entire thing and estimate how much time you'll spend on each question.
- Pace yourself based on the amount of points questions are worth.
- 2 minute drill. Brain dump. Unload any information, equations or other information that's in your head in case you forget it later. Don't take more than 1-2 minutes to do this.

As you're answering questions:

- READ EACH QUESTION (and the instructions) THOROUGHLY.
- Circle key words, absolute words, or rephrase questions to make them into statements.
- Answer ALL parts of the question.

When you get stuck:

- Mark that question to come back to and move on to the next question.
- Think back to your study session – can you recall anything related to that topic?
- Look for clues in other questions.
- Engage your learning preference (think about visuals, auditory cues, examples, etc)
- Think about the question from the instructor's point of view – what knowledge do they want you to demonstrate here?

See the big picture:

- Develop a system for going through the test to make sure you don't miss any questions, and that you answer everything.
- Leave time to double check your answers, in particular on computational problems.