

# Test Taking Tips

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If possible try to study two or three days before the exam and avoid studying the day before the exam. This should enhance your chance of getting a good nights rest before the exam.

Keep track on a scrap paper the problems numbers for any few problems you did not answer and a list for problems in which you did not feel optimistic about your answer.

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- Read each problem twice and attempt to answer.
- If you are faced with a multiple choice question and you do not know the answer it is okay to put this on your list for problems you were not able to answer but, make a guess for now. (No answer ensures you have a 100% chance of being marked wrong.)

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- Now once done going through the exam (assuming you have time), visit the questions you were not able to answer or just guessed (multiple choice). You may be able to “see” the answer now that you are revisiting the question. If not then just trust your gut and continue on.

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- If you still have time you can visit the list of questions that you did not feel optimistic about. However, be aware that studies show that over 90 percent of the time, questions answered correctly are done during the first attempt. So if you reread it twice again and are convinced that an alternate answer is correct then by all means make your correction. But, be leary of changing many of your answers while still feeling unsure.

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- If you are done taking an exam, have taken all the above steps and still have some remaining time then, I would suggest you relax and wait until the exam is being collected. If you hand in your exam early many instructors will not let you make any changes should something come to mind. But, if you are just relaxing and you recall something important, you still have your exam and a chance of making any needed change.