

How to Prepare for and Take a Math Test

Begin Early

- Start at least a week before the exam.
- Ask about a review sheet.
- Ask what WILL be covered on the test.
- Ask what will NOT be covered.
- Ask if previous tests are available.
- Attend ALL classes week 10.

Create an Outline

- List the title of each section you will be tested over.
- Identify the main topics in each section.
- List any formulas or figures that go with each main topic.
- Expect one or two test questions from each section.

Make and Take a Practice Quiz

- Use review materials provided by your instructor plus returned quizzes and exams.
- Practice homework problems.
- Practice section examples.
- Practice chapter review questions.
- Practice chapter test questions.
- Get help if needed.
- Self-test without study aids.

Make a Cheat Sheet

- List formulas - group by use.
- List vocabulary words and definitions.
- Write reminders you wish you could have with you.
- Write out the thing you always forget.
- Make flash cards.

Review Session

- Attend the review session.
- Study before the session so you know what you struggle with.
- Ask questions!

- Study with a partner in the Learning Center.
- Listen and watch for clues from the instructor (emphasis, repetition, homework references).
- Follow up after class with the instructor.

Get Physical

- Get a good night's sleep.
- Eat nutritious food.
- Exercise.
- Bring what you need: pencils, erasers, calculator, beverage, snack.
- Arrive early and relax.
- Review flash cards while waiting.
- Visualize taking the test successfully.

During the Test

- Write down any formulas or notes you might forget during the exam.
- Look over the entire exam before you begin.
- Determine how much time you have for each problem.
- Read the instructions carefully so you do only what is asked.
- Work through any questions you know how to do first.
- Do not allow yourself to sit and stare.
- Ignore what others are doing.

What If You Forget?

- Draw figures and label as much as you can.
- List any formulas that might apply.
- Write notes about what you think you should do.
- Ask your instructor for clarification.
- Use all the available time for the exam.
- With any extra time, be sure to check your work.

