

Get ready for the test!

- Prepare a list of the material to be included on the test. What chapters/sections will the test cover?
- Identify concepts that have been stressed enthusiastically by your professor. Has the instructor indicated some problems that are "guaranteed" to be on this test?
- Review lesson notes and outline the chapter, observing the relationships between topics.
- Prepare index cards with important formulas, vocabulary, and rules. Develop acronyms (memory technique).
- Rework some homework problems.
- Check your instructor's Study Guide for each test. This is VERY useful!
- Write your own sample test, trying to include questions that your instructor might be asking on the test.
- Get organized the day before the test (pencils, ruler, calculator, graph paper, etc.)
- Take time to relax before the test. Don't study immediately before the test.
- Get a good night's sleep before test day.

Take the test!

- As soon as you receive the test, scan it and look for problems you had expected to be on the test. Do the easiest problems first.
- Read the instructions carefully.
- Write down any rules or formulas as soon as you receive your test.
- Don't spend too much time on a problem. If you are stuck, move on to the next question. You can always come back to the problem later if you have some time left.
- If your instructor gives partial credit, at least try to begin a solution.
- Review your work. Check for obvious mistakes (misread-direction errors, careless errors, concept/application errors.)
- When solving application problems, check to verify that you have answered the question. Does your answer fit the question? Is the answer reasonable? Did you answer in a complete sentence?
- Use the allowed test time. Don't rush.
- And remember.....cheating can have ugly consequences!