

Strategies for Improving Test Taking

Anticipating The Test:

Do you know what kind of test will be given?

How long will the test be? How many points is it worth?

Do you mark key terms or possible questions in your notes?

Do you review your notes and handouts each week?

Evaluating Performance:

Which part of the exam was easiest for you? Why?

Which part of the exam was the most difficult? Why?

Did you feel prepared when you walked into the exam? Why or why not?

Did you miss detailed questions or general questions?

Were there key words that were overlooked or missed?

Where was the information? Was it in the textbook, notes, lectures?

Final Analysis:

How can you change your study habits?

How many hours did you study prior to the test? Was it enough?

Which of the following activities did you complete prior to the exam?

- a. All required reading assignments
- b. Preparation and review of reading notes
- c. Review of lecture notes
- d. Self-testing of material to be covered by the exam
- e. Prediction of possible questions prior to the exam
- f. Study with friends
- g. Work with others (professor, study group, tutors)

Which of the above did you find most helpful in preparing for the exam?

Are there tutors or peers that you can ask for help when studying for the next test?