

Strategy for Better Test-Taking

	Strategy	Notes
<i>Pre-Test</i>	Do Lots of Practice Problems	The more often you do one type of problem, the quicker you will identify that type of problem and the quicker you will be able to solve that type of problem. So, always do your homework. Teachers often put unassigned homework problems on the test. It's alot easier than inventing problems. Do unassigned problems.
<i>Pre-Test</i>	Study 2 days before test. Just review night before test.	This reduces anxiety, and reinforces the learning. During Exam Week, if you start studying one day earlier, you can do this for all your classes. And you really do no more work, since last night, you only need quick review.
<i>Pre-Test</i>	Take Practice Tests	Practice tests increase your confidence. Put a time limit on Practice Test. There are Practice Tests for every chapter of your book.
<i>Pre-Test</i>	Positive Attitude	"I am smart. I did work hard. I will get a good grade."
<i>Test</i>	Create Test Strategy	Spend 1st 2-3 minutes planning strategy: 1) Do a Memory Dump 2) Read Through Exam 3) Calculate how much time per question 4) See if questions are weighed differently, and do high value first. 5) Do easy sections and questions before moving to harder questions.
<i>Test</i>	If you get stuck, move on	
<i>Test</i>	Keep an eye on Clock	
<i>Test</i>	Circle Questions to go back and review	
<i>Test</i>	CUCC Word Problems	Circle numbers (quicker to find later). Underline question (then read it again so you answer correct question)
<i>Test</i>	Avoid Careless Mistakes	Quickly test each step of solution (don't wait til you've finished problem to see if you made a careless mistake); be neat so that you can more quickly test your work; double check calculator work: Easy to hit wrong key; hard to hit wrong key twice
<i>Educated Quessing</i>	When guessing, go with 1st choice	
<i>Educated Quessing</i>	Eliminate stupid answers	
<i>Educated Quessing</i>	Try to do as much of the problem as you can before guessing	
<i>Educated Quessing</i>	Most, some, usually, often, generally, may, and seldom are USUALLY the correct option.	
<i>Educated Quessing</i>	The "Superlative" Words: Every, all, none, always, and only are USUALLY the incorrect option.	