

ED209 Revision Day

Dundee – 19th September 2009

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Please turn off



Agenda

- Plan for the day
- Hopes & Fears
- Revision
- Exam
- Afterwards

Your Revision Style

- “I see”, “I get the picture”, “That’s clear”
- “That sounds great”, “I hear what you’re saying”, “That strikes a chord”
- “It feels right”, “It slipped my mind”, “Let’s start from scratch”

Revision

- Know contents of the exam paper
- Not expected to remember it all
- Timetable
- Active v Passive
- Practice
- Take breaks
- Relaxation & Sleep
- Use the Study Guides

Positive Attitude

- Create a positive attitude. Use phrases like:
 - “I will work well”
 - “I will learn what’s worth learning”
 - “I will set myself deadlines”
 - “I will take regular breaks”
- Don’t use phrases like:
 - “I will work hard” – *causes work to be prioritised beyond everything else*
 - “I will learn every detail” – *doing this loses sight of the wood for the trees*
 - “I will sit at the work until the work’s all done” – *this will make you tired as you wont be able to stop until the work’s completed*
 - “I will not have free time unless I’ve earned it” – *this creates guilt and learning becomes a chore*

Day before

- Take the day off
- Good night's sleep
- Suggestions
 - Don't eat junk food
 - Use relaxation techniques to sleep
 - Don't spend all day with someone constantly talking about the exam

Bring with you...

- Examination allocation letter
- Photographic identity that includes your signature
- Pen with black or blue ink, plus spares
- Pencil (if needed)

Arriving at the exam

- Have you received your examination allocation letter?
- Wednesday 21st October
 - 2.30pm to 5.30pm
- Know where the venue is
- Arrive 30 minutes early
- Allowed entry to exam room about 10 minutes before

In the exam room

- Your desk
- Leaving the room
- When finished
- Don't remove question papers
- Write in pen

Don't take into exam room

- Mobile phones
- Any course materials
- Laptops
- Calculators

Doing the exam

- Read all the paper
- Which questions will you do and what order
- Allocate time for each question
- Essay plans and rough work
- Read what you've written
- Time at the end to make sure you've done everything

Key points

- Failure \neq End of world
- Everyone wants you to pass
- Use what you can remember
- Questions will be linked to the course
- Exams are about what you understand rather than what you remember

Preparation + Practice = Pass

Additional Information

- Past Exam Papers
 - <http://freespace.virgin.net/g.agnew/ed209/questions.pdf>
- Revision Tutorial Notes
 - <http://freespace.virgin.net/g.agnew/ed209/revision.pdf>
- Revision CD