

## Exam Preparation - Exam Success

**Exams:** Exams are nothing more than big unit tests. Each grade 9 or 10 exam is only 90 minutes long, which is only 10 minutes longer than class. Proper preparation is key for success. Exams will be made up of past unit tests. Review vocabulary of each unit. Review all past unit reviews. EXAMS make up anywhere from 10-20% of your final mark....they can make a difference between pass and fail or between 50's and 60's or 70's to 80's.

**Study TIPS:** Study in shorter intervals. 3 - 40 minute periods with breaks is better than 2 hours straight. **Turn off PHONE and TV**, eliminate distractions. Study at a table not on your bed. Plan the most time for your hardest subject. Build any vocabulary list and review it. Write and re-write ....experts say 7 times to memorize

Repetition gives birth to perfection, the more you repeat the better you know. Always try to study with pen, paper and your own voice, say things out loud. The more ways your brain works at something the better you will learn it.

**Engage in positive self-talk: Never say you cannot do something.** Always tell yourself that yes you can do it. Never call yourself stupid or give up. Remember the story of the Little Engine that could.....I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.....**Believe in yourself, God does.**

### December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> Church time	<b>4</b> 26 days till exams	<b>5</b> Focus on next 2 weeks	<b>6</b> 24 days till end of semester	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Family time Church time	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Church time	<b>18</b> Last week of classes before holidays	<b>19</b> Find all of your past tests for each course	<b>20</b> Spend 30 minutes and review/sort your 4 course binders	<b>21</b> Copy any past tests you might need	<b>22</b> Take home all course binders	<b>23</b> Family time:
<b>24</b> Family time Church time	<b>25</b> Happy Birthday Jesus	<b>26</b> Family Time	<b>27</b> Organize and review your subject binders, (90min.)	<b>28</b> Make a list of vocabulary terms for each course	<b>29</b> Relax	<b>30</b> Relax and enjoy

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### Writing Exams: Proven Tips for Success

- ▶ **# 1** Name **#2** Short term memory Dump **#3** READ the whole exam **#4** Pay attention to the long answer question. Read with your pen in hand. Underline or circle key words. **#5** Start writing exam
- ▶ The higher the mark - the more information is required. Do the easier questions first – build your confidence.

▶ **Write on the exam paper**

- Circle key words
- Jot down any immediate ideas for longer writing pieces as you read the exam or as you do the multiple choice
- Put down any memorized lists on the top or back of the exam once you are allowed to begin, so you do not forget

Look for any hints in the exam, hints are often found in the multi-guess section. Answer every multiple choice question.

- ▶ Use a blank sheet of paper beside your exam to record any ideas or to do any rough work or sketches or write down what you have memorized. Example: **lists or formulas**
- ▶ Re-read your finished exam, make any grammar or spelling changes.
- ▶ Try **all** questions, even if in the essay question the most you do is put down some ideas, something is better than nothing.
- ▶ For MATH and SCIENCE exams check your work, have you included any necessary statements?

**January 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> Church/family time	<b>1</b> Happy New Year	<b>2</b> Review your 4 binders, be sure they are org. (1 hr.)	<b>3</b> Review all past tests, make corrections (2 hrs)	<b>4</b> Review vocabulary terms for each course	<b>5</b> Review your hardest subject for 1 hour	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Church/family time	<b>8</b> Do this week strong, stay in class. Listen for hints about upcoming exam.	<b>9</b> Listen for any exam hints: write them down	<b>10</b> Review past tests for 2 classes, do regular HW	<b>11</b> Review past tests for 2 classes, do regular HW	<b>12</b> Ask questions if you are missing info. Relax after school	<b>13</b> Review vocabulary, write out terms again
<b>14</b> Review all past tests, correct mistakes God/family time	<b>15</b> Study for 2 – 30 minute blocks <b>Locate textbook</b>	<b>16</b> Study for 2 - 30 minute blocks <b>Locate textbook</b>	<b>17</b> Complete subject reviews from teacher <b>Pay any library fines</b>	<b>18</b> Review any diagrams and vocab	<b>19</b> Ask review questions in class. Listen for exam hints.	<b>20</b> Plan for 2 hours of study: hardest subject first
<b>21</b> Study for 2 – 45 minute blocks Church/family time	<b>22</b> Be in class: Listen for Exam hints	<b>23</b> <b>Last day of classes:</b> Study in afternoon for period 1 exam	<b>24</b> <b>Period 1 Exam</b> Study in afternoon for period 2 exam	<b>25</b> <b>Period 2 Exam</b> Study in afternoon for period 3 exam	<b>26</b> <b>Period 3 Exam</b> Take the afternoon off	<b>27</b> Study for Period 4 exam: 2 hours
<b>28</b> Church/family time: Study for 2-3 hours for period 4 exam	<b>29</b> <b>Period 4 Exam</b> Study only for cancelled exam if necessary	<b>30</b> Snow day for possible missed exam	<b>31</b> Exam review day: Come to school	<b>Feb 1 TAKE THE DAY OFF</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Semester 2 Begins Only 86 days till sem. 2 exams. lol</b>	<b>3</b>

