General Strategies for Objective Tests

Practicing College Learning Strategies

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Before You Begin

**Preview** the test.

Do a **mind dump** *(Write down everything you think you may need and might forget.)*

Quickly **calculate time needed** for each section.
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**Why** preview before you begin?

**What** kinds of things mind you list in your mind dump?

**How** do you know how much time to spend on each section?
Taking the Test

Read the directions.
Answer easy questions first.
Go back to difficult questions.
Answer all questions—unless the directions say otherwise.
Ask for explanation about unclear items.
Answer questions from instructor’s point of view. Use the margin to explain answers. Circle key words. Express difficult questions in your own words. Use all time allotted. If time permits, actually retake the test not just look over it.
Your test taking habits.

List the strategies in the list that are already a part of your test taking routine.
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List those strategies that you do not routinely use, and explain why they might be a good idea.