

Practice Exams

Tips for Creating Your Own Practice Exam

Create questions using the same format of the test.

Examples of test formats:

- Matching
- True/False
- Short Answer
- Multiple Choice
- Essay

Check lecture notes for key concepts and terms.

Check the textbook for sample questions.

Ask a Tutor to assist

Types of Questions to Formulate

- **Identification**
 - Facts
 - Rules, Theories
 - Classification
 - People, Places
 - Events, Dates
 - Factors
- Cause/Effect
- Comparison
- Sequential
- Application
- Prediction
- Interpretation

Test Preparation

1. Take Practice Exam
2. Reverse Q & A
3. Create Concept Cards
4. Study corresponding material

Take Exam

Answer questions. Review answers.

Reverse Q & A

- Reverse Order
- Turn the correct answer into a question
- Examine the incorrect answers on the test
- Cross off ones that are unrelated to the unit studied
- Take the remaining incorrect answers and turn them into new questions

Study Corresponding Material

- Review the test questions
- Circle or highlight key terms, dates, concepts, etc.
- Flag or highlight sections in the course readings that address these subjects
- Highlight sections in lecture notes that address these subjects

Tip: try color-coding by assigning key colors to specific topics as you highlight

Create Concept Cards

Create concept cards on the material covered by the practice exam. Look at questions covered at the end of chapters in course textbooks. Add concept cards for chapter questions, which are related to practice exam material.

