

Class: VI-VIII

Exam Skills

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Dear learners, all of you have to take exams, so being relaxed and doing well in exams is a skill you should learn. In today's page we are going to tell you about some simple but effective tips that will help you deal with exams confidently.

**A. During the exam**



Read the discussion between a teacher and his students.

**Tanvir:** Sir, our First Term Examination is starting in a few days. Can you give us some advice that would help us during the exam?

**Mr. Karim:** Of course. But before that I want you to tell me what you usually do during the exams.

**Fatema:** Well, Sir, I write my name, roll number, and draw margins on the exam script. When I get the question paper, I read it carefully for ten minutes.

**Mr. Karim:** That is a very good strategy. While reading the questions, notice how many questions you have to answer. This can help you decide which questions you can answer well. After this you should check how much marks are allotted for each question. You need to calculate the time you should spend on answering each question. If you work in this process, you will have enough time to finish the exam in time in a relaxed way.

**Zahid:** Thank you, Sir. Do you think we should answer the easier questions first or the more difficult ones?

**Mr. Karim:** You must always do the easier questions, or the questions you know best, first. Can anyone tell me why?

**Sabrina:** Sir, I think answering the easier questions first would be quicker, which would boost our confidence. This will leave us more time to think about the tough questions.

**Fatema:** I think Sabrina is right. But, what do we do when we get stuck with a question we don't know too well?

**Mr. Karim:** If you get stuck on a question, going on to a new question is the best way out, rather than wasting time on the problematic question.

**Sabrina:** Sir, most often we run out of time, and get confused about which question to answer in the time left.

**Mr. Karim:** Well, if it happens that at the end you still have several questions to attempt with very little time left, briefly answer these in points. The examiner will give you some marks as you have shown that you know the answer. And if you finish early, check your answers thoroughly and revise carefully for mistakes in spelling, calculations, language, etc.

**Tamanna:** Yes, I always check if the numbers of questions on my answer sheet match with the question paper.

**Tanvir:** I also check one more thing— whether I have answered all sections of each question.

**Mr. Karim:** Yes, Tamanna and Tanvir are right. It is important to check these two things. But you must also revise your answers carefully for errors in spelling, calculations, language, etc.

Now, choose the correct answer for the following questions:

1. Right after getting the question paper in hand, we should first **start answering the questions we know/ read over the entire question paper carefully.**
2. We can boost our confidence and save time for answering more difficult questions by attempting **the easier questions first/ the more complex questions first.**
3. If we get stuck on a question, it is better to **leave it and attempt it later/ continue working on it until we can finish it.**
4. If you have two questions left to answer but with just enough time to answer one question, you should **answer one question completely/ write the answer for each question in brief or draw the diagrams only.**

**B.**

What items should you take with you for an exam? Select the items from the box below and explain why you would take them. The first is done for you.

pens, pencils, admit card, registration card, food, water bottle, books, eraser, ruler, sharpener, compass, calculator, answer booklet, wrist watch, notes, mobile phone

What to take for the exam	Why I would need them
Pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, compass	We need them to write the answers and to draw the diagrams.

**C.**

A seven day work plan

Shamim is a student of class VIII. He has made his study plan of one week for the upcoming First Term Examination and he tries to follow it strictly. Make your own study plan by filling up the table.



	Morning (before school) 2 hours	Noon (after school) 1 hour	Break 3 hours	Evening 3 hours
Sunday	Bangla & Maths	Science	Play cricket	Social Science & English
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				

**D.**

The Last 24 hours



As we see in the picture, Farhan is nervous and worried during his exams. Shakil, on the other hand, is confident and relaxed.

Complete the following sentences with appropriate verbs to find out how Shakil prepared during the last 24 hours.

have	enter	make	pack	do not try	be
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1. Go early to bed. .... sure you have a good night's sleep.
2. .... the exam hall 10 minutes before the exam starts.
3. .... your bag the night before with all that you need. Check them again in the morning.
4. .... some food so that you get enough energy during the exam.
5. .... calm, relaxed, and confident.
6. .... to revise at the last moment: it will only confuse you.

**Objectives:** Checking comprehension, Giving reasons, Making study plan, Using verbs.

**Answer key:** D. 1. Make 2. Enter 3. Pack 4. Have 5. Be 6. Do not try

## USE THE FOOTPATH, NOT THE ROAD

Use the footpath to walk and not the road. Walking on the road is dangerous because vehicles are always moving at high speeds.  
**Ensure your own safety.**

