



Get exam-ready

Use Past Exam Papers

Past exam papers are a great way to practise for exams and test your understanding. Knowing the right answer is one thing. But understanding the question is just as important. **Here are some tips to study with past exam papers. So when the day comes, you are exam-ready and well prepared!**

Practise answering exam papers

1. Read all the instructions carefully

Underline key words. Make sure that you understand exactly what you are being asked to do. In some subjects all questions are compulsory. You have to answer them. But in other subjects you have a choice.

2. Check the time

How much time do you have to write the exam? Work out how much time you have for each question.

3. Take note of mark allocations

Check the marks for each question. Think about how much detail you need to give.

4. Read the whole paper

When you write your final exam you are given reading time. Use your reading time to select the question you will start with. You may answer questions in any order. But number them exactly as in the question paper.

5. Practise under exam conditions

Don't use anything that wouldn't be allowed in the exam room.

6. Do not cheat

Do not have notes, a computer or other devices to help you.

7. Time yourself

Time yourself for the whole exam, as well as the different sections.

8. Print out the exam paper

Print out the exam paper if you can.

Check how you did

1. Use the memo

Use the memo to mark yourself. How did you do? What did you answer well?

2. Check Questions

Write down the questions you struggled with. Take notes of your mistakes.

3. Learn from your mistakes

Identify topics that you still need to work on.

4. Revise

Use the memo to help you revise.

5. Ask for help

Get help from teachers, tutors and friends.

Remember

Use resources like WOZA Matrics to revise areas that you are weak in. Practise with as many papers as possible. Look for common concepts and themes across the past papers. Don't feel bad if you don't do well. It's an opportunity to learn. After all, this is not your final exam. It's just a practice run!

The 2021 final exam papers may be different to previous exam papers. Check the most recent exam guidelines to make sure you know what to expect.

Find past exam papers at these links.

<http://www.education.gov.za/>

or

<http://ecexams.co.za/ExaminationPapers.htm>



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