



TOP TEN EXAMINATION TIPS

1. It's obvious, but follow the rules. You're not going to break them deliberately, but don't get caught out by accident. Unfortunately it's not an excuse to say you didn't know. Wearing that nice new smart watch could end up costing you a qualification.
2. Check the instructions. Even if your teacher has told you, double check just in case, things like how many questions or sections you need to do, if rough notes or working needs to be shown, equipment you're allowed, such as a calculator, even the colour of pen you need to use.
3. Check the timing. Especially important if there are different papers being sat in the exam room, make sure you know when yours ends.
4. Look over the whole paper. Get an idea what's on there and make sure you're aware of how much you need to do in the given time.
5. Check the marks per question. This will give you a fair idea of how much time you'll need to spend on each question.
6. Read the question carefully. Read it at least twice and refer to it as you answer. It's amazing how many people just scan a question and rush into a pre-prepared answer which fails to answer the actual question on the paper.
7. Don't let one tough question put you off. It's usually sensible to leave a question you find really difficult and then come back to it. But do come back to it!
8. Try not to leave a question blank. There's usually something you can write down, as a last resort have an educated guess.
9. Make sure your writing can be read. Again, it's obvious but if the examiner can't read it you won't get any marks.
10. Read over your work. Unless you are really pushed for time, try to read over what you've written.

GOOD LUCK!

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