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## **EXAM PREPARATION & TEST-TAKING TIPS #TheSavvyWay**

- ❖ The Savvy test taker sets up a flexible study schedule at least 4-6 weeks before test day.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker studies during the time of day he or she is most alert, relaxed, and stress free.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker maximizes their learning style; visual learner uses visual study aids, auditory learner uses auditory study aids.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker spends most of their study time focusing on their weakest areas.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker finds a study partner to review with and help clarify questions.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker will Practice, practice, practice!
- ❖ The Savvy test taker reads the ENTIRE question carefully BEFORE reading the answer choices. Then reads EVERY answer choice before selecting an answer.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker eliminates the obviously wrong answer choices. Sometimes, if one of the remaining choices is a direct opposite of one of the eliminated answer choices, it may be the right answer.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker doesn't over analyze questions or ASSUME what the author really meant. Only use the information stated in the question.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker is prepared to trust their first instinct after he or she has carefully read the question.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker pays close attention to 'subtle negatives' like "not or except."
- ❖ The Savvy test taker spot 'Hedge' words like most, almost, some, and sometimes. These words are called "hedges" because they indicate that a statement is not totally true or not true in every place and time. The right answer often requires hedges.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker wisely avoids answers that are 'absolute' when taking a multiple-choice exam. An absolute answer says that things are all one way or all another. They often include words like every, always, best, and never. Be aware of the word "only" as well.

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## PREPARING FOR YOUR EXAM DAY

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- ❖ The Savvy test taker carefully familiarizes and follows all the test registration procedures and deadlines.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker gets a good night's sleep and doesn't try to cram the night before the test.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker eats a well-balanced meal.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker knows the exact physical location of the testing site and drives the route to the site prior to test day.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker brings a set of ear plugs just in case the testing center is noisy.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker wears comfortable, loose fitting, layered clothing to the testing center and prepares for it to be either cold or hot during the test.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker brings at least 2 current forms of ID to the testing center.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker arrive to the testing site at least 30 minutes early to mentally and physically prepare.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker know the test directions, duration, topics, question types, and how many questions.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker paces themselves; don't rush but keep working and move on if he or she gets stuck.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker maintains a positive attitude even if he or she thinks the test is going poorly.
- ❖ The Savvy test taker checks their work thoroughly before submitting.

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