

TAKING A MATH TEST

PREPARATION:

- Start to review early – at least two days in advance. Two weeks for the final.
- Review old homework assignments.
- Review key ideas from the textbook – what did you learn.
- Rework several examples of each problem type.
- Review general concepts and main ideas.
- Do more than you feel is necessary.
- Get a good night's sleep before the test.

DAY OF THE TEST:

- Take the necessary tools; paper, pencils, eraser, calculator (if OK) and good batteries.
- ALWAYS DO A TEST IN PENCIL!
- Relax, empty your mind of distracting thoughts.
- Don't try to study or talk about the test just before taking it.

DURING THE TEST:

- Look it over briefly before starting.
- Read all directions, carefully.
- Determine which problems count more.
- If memorized formulas are required, jot them down.
- Begin with problems that you know how to do, or that you feel comfortable with.
- Be alert to key phrases directing you to perform a specific action, i.e., reduce, solve, prove.
- CHECK YOUR WORK!

AFTER THE TEST:

- Go over entire test.
- Correct errors.
- Ask for clarification on those problems you don't understand.
- Keep test as a study tool.