

# DOs & DON'Ts to Exam Readiness

With less than a month to the finals, here are two Don'ts and one Do to better exam readiness!

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The end of the school year is quickly approaching and it's time to prepare for the year-end exams ahead. Here are three preparation tips to help you study efficiently and ace your finals with confidence.

## 1 Don't Overwhelm Yourself with Content

With limited time left, it is really difficult to grind through and internalise all content tested. Place lesser emphasis on topics that you are familiar with and confident of during your revision. Instead, focus on key topics that have a higher weightage or those that you are unfamiliar with. The objective is to understand and digest the key fundamentals for these topics quickly so that you have a solid foundation to build your application skills, which are crucial in the exams.

## 2 Don't Overdo Mock Papers

There is no point in doing numerous mock papers if you have yet to master segments of them. Instead, test yourself intentionally. Start with topical tests on unfamiliar topics that you had revised earlier. This allows you to gauge if you have attained complete mastery of content and concepts in that particular topic. Move on to full mock papers only when you have covered topical tests for all unfamiliar topics for better revision efficacy.



## 3 Do Consistent Reviews & Tests

Without consistent reviews, your revision is likely to be ineffective. Adopt the habit of reviewing topical practices or mock exam papers that you have completed to identify knowledge gaps that require further attention. From there, close the gaps with targeted revision on these areas of weakness and test yourself afterwards to see where you stand. When you are satisfied with your progress, start on timed mock papers to train your accuracy

and speed in answering questions under exam conditions. It is very important to time yourself while doing mock papers to check if you can finish your paper within the designated time.

There is no excuse to score anything less than 100% on the same questions you had gotten wrong initially if you had done a proper review. Be honest with yourself in the revision-test-review process and you will find yourself more than ready to ace your upcoming exams! Best of luck!



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