



Emmanuel Catholic College

Tips for Students during the Examination

Tip #1 - Use your Reading Time Effectively

All Examinations will have a dedicated reading time. This is an opportunity for students to read the examination paper prior to commencing the writing of responses to the questions. It is so important to utilize the reading time to one's advantage. Quiet often students do not use this time effectively and are observed 'just waiting' for the commencement of writing. During the reading time it is most important, that students read each question carefully and commence thinking about their answers even though writing is not permitted. It is also an opportunity for students to ask questions for clarification, if necessary. In summary, students should see the reading time as part of the examination and utilize the time provided to a maximum.

Tip # 2 - Answer Questions Carefully

A common error students make is to rush through questions, particularly those questions that they are most familiar with. It is important to tackle each question thoughtfully and ensure that those questions that appear easy are answered with the same rigor as all other questions. Complacency is the downfall, at times, with easier questions. Not many students are able to answer all questions perfectly and gain the perfect score in examinations. So students need to ensure that they answer all questions to the best of their ability and, in particular, ensure that they are able to gain full marks with questions they are confident in responding correctly.

Tip # 3 - Do Not Spend Too Much Time on Questions

Whilst it is important to ensure that you do take time in answering all questions, a trap for some students is to take too much time, particularly when you are struggling with the question. As mentioned in Point 2, it is important to answer all questions to the best of your ability. It is a shame when students do not answer questions, that they knew the correct response to, because they ran out of time. Typically this scenario occurs when students are spending too much time on a particular question and then do not finish the paper. It is so important to avoid leaving blank spaces on the exam paper. Blank spaces are not scored and hence no marks can be given. Students are better served to guess a multiple choice answer rather than leaving it as a blank response.

Tip #4 - Always Save Some Time for Checking

It is always important to check your work, particularly in an examination. Students are more likely to make clumsy errors in an examination setting than in the classroom. Checking one's work could gain some extra marks.

God Bless,

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