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ICM Tips For What To Do After A Mock Exam



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This Presentation Will Cover:



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Using Past Papers

- Use Past Papers from your subject as **mock exams**
- Try and **match** actual exam conditions
- Create a good environment to carry out the mock exam, have a **visible clock** so you are able to time yourself and **remove all your notes** from the room





How to Test Yourself using past papers (mocks)

- Answer the past paper **in these exam conditions**
- Give yourself the **exact time** you would have in the real exam
- **Plan and answer** all the questions you would have to in the exam

TEST
YOURSELF!

Once complete...

- You can get an idea of what parts you **struggle to remember and argue without your revision notes**
- **Refer back to your notes** to see what you struggled to remember and get down as a sophisticated argument or what you missed completely

How to Test Yourself using past papers (mocks)



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- Use the **red, amber, green method** by **highlighting** the sections you found hard in **red**, sections you weren't completely confident in **orange** and the sections you felt confident in **green**
- This **enables you to review and reflect** on your answers as if you had just taken the exam
- Reflection is key to **learning from your previous work**, so reflecting from a mock exam can really prepare you for the real thing

Reflective practice



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Ultimately is about “*making sense of experience*” (Cottrell, 2003 pp: 171) **to better ones development.**

Learning effectively (quickly and in depth) by making sense of your own revision will **significantly increase** your chances of **success** in your exam.

How to Use Reflective Practice In Your Revision



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- Learning from reflection on **each past paper practice question** you've completed will mean you have **learnt** what you are not so confident on through the **red amber** and **green method**, so you could **improve for the final exam – if it works for you**
- **For example** after your 'Mock' paper revise **only** the topics that you got wrong answers to and coloured red and amber **OR** revise these areas first

Summary



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- Using past papers is great practice to prepare yourself for the real thing
- Learning from reflection through the **red** **amber** and **green** on **each past paper practice question** you've completed **could significantly increase** your chances of **success** in your exam as you can **learn** what you are not so confident on in exam conditions **before** the final exam



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AND
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