

Time Writing Essay Exams: A Self-Diagnosis

All exams involve a large amount of decisions, both before and during the exam. When you have a written exam that entails essay or short answer questions, how closely do you identify with the following preparations?

Prior to the Exam

	Always	Frequently	Rarely	Never
I do extensive research/reading to prepare				
I have annotated readings and study those				
I study in groups or pairs to clarify or organize my ideas				
I study for written exams alone so I can focus				
I write practice essays at home				
I make sure to get plenty of rest beforehand				
I have my own unique study methods 📖				

During the Exam

	Always	Frequently	Rarely	Never
I read all the essay questions and ALL DIRECTIONS first before I begin				
I read the easy essay questions carefully several times				
I outline longer essays before I begin				
I pace myself watching the clock carefully				
I save time to revise before turning it in				
I save time to edit before turning it in				

When you are finished, take a few minutes to share/compare your answers with a group member. If possible, exchange any strategies you find useful for you in preparation and test taking.