

Learning Journal, Term 2, week 1

It is a valuable learning opportunity to take time to critically reflect on your preparation and performance in your examinations. Considering this now can help you to put in place measures to do better the next time around. How realistic was your study schedule? Did you give yourself enough time for each subject/each topic within a subject? Did you successfully predict exam topics? Did you scan the exam before beginning and identify the marks for each question? Did you highlight the easy questions to start with these? Did you spend enough time on the questions with the most marks? How did you feel doing the exam? What types of questions did you find easy/difficult? What will you do differently to prepare for your next exams? What have you learned about yourself as an exam student and can you use this knowledge to help you in future examinations?

Last week was the exam week for all the students in the IFP Programme and I think it would be great for me to reflect on myself on how I prepared and performed in my exam. For EAP, our first test was the seminar. I had 3 topics to prepare and I did one by one each week since December so I was well prepared and did it well. I did have the opportunity to express my ideas during the seminar and also discussed with my peers. About the rest, I revisited the academic word list and tried to do the mock test that Kathleen gave us one week before the test. On the test day, I was able to finish all the questions and I found it not too challenging. However, I noticed that in the listening test, the speaker was not really clear and we were in the sports hall so it felt a bit more tricky to follow since the sounds were reflected. For Economics, I revisited my notes from the beginning of the course. The information in the notes is clear so it was easy to recall my memory. I think I did well with the economics test and hopefully the grades will not disappoint me. For Maths, we have regular tests every two weeks; therefore, the test was just like a summary of all the tests we did. With Sociology, we only have 1 essay for this term. We have been instructed week by week by Fergus so it was not a big deal for me. Overall, I think I did my best in the tests and I will continue to perform my best in the upcoming exams.

