

How to Succeed in Physics Exams

Edexcel GCE Student Conference 2006

BEFORE.....

DURING.....

...and...

AFTER

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Be familiar with the Specification:

- What do I need to know?
- Have I got appropriate notes?
- What definitions and formulae must I learn?
- What standard experiments must I be able to describe?

Revise actively:

- Write out definitions
- Describe experiments
- Draw diagrams
- Try lots of problems
- Practise past papers
- Remember... practice makes perfect!

DURING.....

DO read the question:

- Read the question right through
- Look at the mark allocation
- Plan your time sensibly

DO answer the question:

- Distinguish between terms such as 'state' and 'explain'
- Make sure definitions are complete
- Describe the correct experiment
- Draw diagrams if possible
- Show all your working in calculations
- Give units throughout
- Think about significant figures

DON'T upset the Examiner:

- Write *legibly*, in ink
- Cross out *neatly* any errors
- Give *detailed*, but *concise* answers
- Don't *waffle!*

AFTER.....

- DON'T have a *major inquest* with your teacher or friends...BUT...
- DO try to *learn* by any mistakes
- DO remember if *you* found it hard, probably others did too
- DO try to take a little time off and *relax* before your next examination