

Exams

Exams are a way to test and evaluate your competences and to achieve recognition of your hard work. Therefore, after each semester, school year, or topic, there are exams to test your ability. Even when applying for a job – usually competitive positions at large companies – your knowledge, skills, and working attitude might be tested. You may then have the opportunity to advance in your job, competing with colleagues through projects or examinations.

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An exam is like a race, except that the destination is the same but the distance the competitors run is different. The less you have learned, the more effort you need to exert to catch up, and those who win consistently have a simple, but effective, secret. Rather than resting for months and then sprinting the entire distance at the last moment, they work steadily long before the exam approaches: they start further ahead. Preparing early lessens the psychological burden, while rushing makes exams a stressful endeavour. You should therefore act today – and every day – to learn, prepare, and become confident in any exam. Alternatively, you could learn to cope with panic and to depend on luck.

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What problems are caused by studying for an exam at the last minute?

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How do you prepare for exams?