Exam Tips

Plan to do 1 hour per day per subject during the holidays.

If you do this you will have done between 10 and 16 hours in each subject and have time for rest and relaxation.

It is important that you are rested after the holidays, as the exam process is very tiring.

If you do 5 subjects and follow the 1 hour per day per subject, that is 5 hours per day.

This leaves plenty of time to rest and relax.

Use the weekly study timetable template to plan your study and other activities.

<https://www.synno.online/uploads/1/2/3/4/123403475/weekly-study-timetable.docx>

Exam and Calculator resources are on Physics with Synno.

<https://www.synno.online/specialist-maths-exam-resources.html>

**Revision**

* Practice under the same conditions you will use in the exam. You won’t be able to use your computer or phone in the exam room.
* Practice with the same equipment as you will use in the exam.
* Know how to use your calculator and interpret the answer it gives.
* Make your bound reference specific to you. Put the things you are having trouble with in it as you go.
* Refresh the things you know well and focus on the things you have trouble with. Those that look at something and say ‘I know how to do that’ do so at their peril.
* Do as many exam questions as you can. Set yourself an achievable target.
* Quality revision. Too late at night or too long without a break is ineffective.
* Read the examiners reports. They highlight areas of difficulty.

**In The Exam**

* Read the questions ‘aloud’ in your head.
* Look for the Mathematical terms and values in the question. Don’t be distracted by the fooffer valve.
* Identify and highlight the information.
* For questions with graphs.
  + Read the axes labels.
  + Read axes units.
  + Read the scale.
* Make sure you answer the question which was asked. Don’t just copy something from your bound reference or the calculator.
* Start where you want. The part where you are most familiar with. It builds your confidence, which is a good thing.
* Each section/question generally starts easy and increases in difficulty.
* Don’t try to ‘guess’ the answers to multiple choice questions by looking at the answers. Come up with your answer and then choose. Remember you have your calculator for the multiple choice, use it wisely.
* Ensure that all multiple choice questions have an answer.
* Don’t be put off by nerves. They mean you are primed to go.
* Take a deep breath and exhale to the count of 10.