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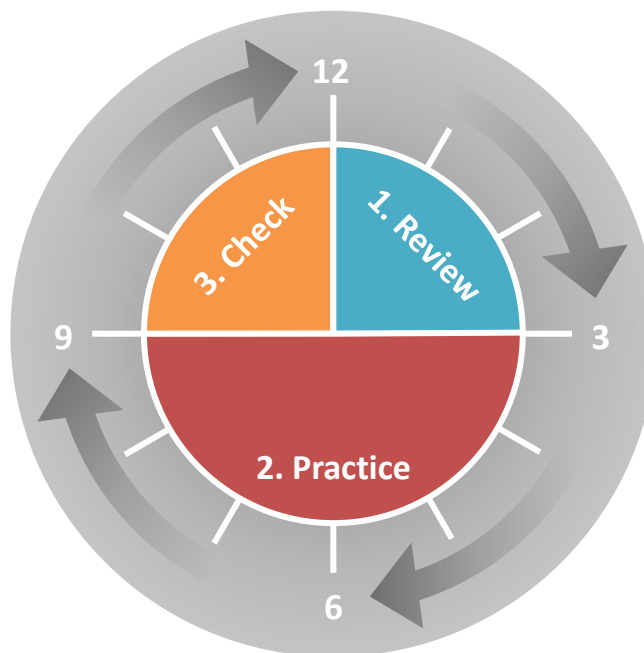
Mark your exam questions using the mark scheme.

Pay attention to what is required to gain each mark. Be strict with yourself and only give yourself the mark if you are certain you have written what is required.

Could you have used a clearer or simpler method? Does the mark scheme suggest a different way to approach the question which might be worth trying next time? If you have done a complete past paper, work out what mark or grade you would get. Identify 2 or 3 things you need to do or topics you need to work on in order to improve your grade next time. Keep a record of these grades so you can see yourself improve.

If there are topics you are getting completely correct, go back to your topic list and tick them off so that you can see your progress and narrow down the list of topics you need to revise.

Each hour or revision should be split up into three sections as shown on the clock.



1. Review

You need to be clear on the content of the course and what topics you need to know about.

Find or create a list of topics within the area you plan to revise.

Think about which of these topics you most need to revise. Which topics are most likely to come up in the exam? Which topics do you already feel confident about? Are there some topics you are not confident with? Look back at previous class work, homework and tests to assess your current level of understanding. Ensure that you have what you need in order to review these topics. This may include class notes, text books, worked examples, practice questions, mark schemes etc. Choose a focus for this revision session. Make it achievable within the time available. You can't do everything at once.

2. Practise

The main bulk of your revision should be spent practising the skills and knowledge you need for the exam. You need to repeatedly bring the information into your mind from memory and use it.

Complete lots of practice questions without using your notes, text book etc. Make sure your full method is clear and your working is organised. Look back at the worked answer for the question or the mark scheme and identify and correct your mistakes.

If there is a particular topic or skill that you keep making mistakes on, go back to the relevant exercise in the book and do some more focused practice. Use the worked examples to help you by checking your method against the one in the book.

Complete past exam questions (and, as soon as possible, entire exam papers) under exam conditions. Do not cheat as it harms your ability to review and strengthen memory.