Exams often form a big part of your academic assessment. As well as studying your course materials, there are many ways that you can prepare for exams to increase your confidence and help you take the right approach. Here you will find guides on the different types of exams you may encounter as well as tips on how to study for them, surviving exams and how to interpret clue words in questions.

**Studying for exams**

Learn to study efficiently and effectively with this guide which is full of great study methods and tips.

**Multiple choice exams**

Get the a-b-c of tips for sitting multiple choice exams.

**Essay exams**

Essay exams are designed to test your ability to synthesise information and organise your thoughts on paper. The points in our guide are designed to help you sit essay style exams.
Clue words in exams

Specific words in exam question hold the clue on how to approach the answer you give. Discover clue words and what they mean for answering exam questions.

Open book and take home exams

This guide answers some questions about open book exams, offers suggestions about preparation and study, and tips about sitting the exam.

Surviving exams

Commonsense tips on getting through the exam period in one piece and performing your best.

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