Testing Pointers
Preparing for a Test

• Begin studying a week in advance
• Complete all of the study guide (if a professor gives one out)
• Get an adequate amount of sleep
• Analyze previous tests and sample tests from the professor
• Arrive to the test early and with proper utensils
• Choose a spot in the classroom with enough space to work
• Stay relaxed and confident
Taking the Test

- Do a “memory dump.” On scrap paper, write down everything you remember (dates, names, formulas, facts, etc.)
- Scan the test to properly plan your time
- Answer easiest questions first
- Read the directions carefully
- Keep your attention focused on the test
- DON’T look around
- Stay calm
- Ask your professor clarifying questions if you don’t understand a question or test directions
Conquering Essay Tests

- Remember that essay tests are based on themes and overall ideas
- Show what you understand
- When studying, look for recurring themes and terms used as these are more likely to be questions
- Read through the questions and write notes on what you automatically recall
- Outline your essay, have a clear thesis statement
- Be sure to give yourself enough time to finish
Remember that you’re looking for the **best** answer
Be sure to read the directions **carefully** (this is especially important with multiple choice tests)
Preview the test and answer the easier questions first
Read through the questions again and answer the rest of the questions
After finishing, review all answers. Generally, go with your “gut” feeling.
Remember to:

- study.
- sleep and eat before the test.
- be confident.
- carefully read the questions.
- make sure you understand the questions.
- answer easy questions first.
- show what you know!