HOW TO TAKE A TEST

- Skim the entire test first to get an idea of what material is being asked.
- Understand how the test is organized (e.g., essay, multiple choice, etc.)
- Ask for clarification of items where you aren't sure what's being asked.
- Budget your time according to the point value of each section. (A question worth 10% should receive 10% of your time, etc.)
- Establish priorities:
 - 1. Do easy items first.
 - 2. Leave difficult items until last.
- Begin working. Read each item thoughtfully in relation to the course.
- Guess at all items you aren't sure of; however, if there is a penalty for incorrect answers, do not guess.
- Reread what you have done only after completing the entire test.
 - 1. Make changes or additions as seem wise.
 - 2. Be sure you have answered all of the items as logically as possible.

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