



**Part I: Reading**

**A-Read the article carefully and then write the word which best fits each space.**

**(Score 2)**

**Top 5 Study Tips to Achieve your Study Goals**

With the fast approaching of the exams season attached to you, we want to share with you our top study tips to help you understand how to learn and boost memory to ensure you achieve exam success! Use this quick study tip guide to see how you can improve your study skills and get yourself on track in order to achieve those A's in your exams – it's just like winning an Oscar.

**1-** You can learn something from a teacher, some friends, a text book, or even from your own notes that can explain clearly to you. However, all these explanations are of little use if, by the end, you can't explain what you have learned to yourself. If you don't understand a study concept that you need to illustrate in an exam to get top exam results, 1..... you won't be happy with your end exam result. To combat this, get into the habit of explaining whatever you are studying in your own words, so you understand your study notes. The key to help improve your memory is to understand what you've learned when you are studying it. As a result, don't just memorize and tick off the list – make sure you understand your theory.

**2-** Of course, it may be quite difficult to understand a concept, theory, or any information you need to learn by depending on what you know. It is important to ask your teachers, lecturers or other educators. Don't be afraid 2..... asking a 'stupid' question – there really is no such thing when it comes to studying and learning! Embrace your curiosity, for as William Arthur Ward said, "Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning." Doing so will allow you to fill in the blanks and better 3..... you for exams.

**3-** Once you feel you understand a concept or a topic, it is important to test yourself on it. Try and replicate exam conditions as much as possible: turn your phone off, don't talk, time yourself etc. You can set yourself a study quiz or practice exam questions and, as long as you approach it with the right mindset, you can get a very good idea of how much you know. You gain a greater insight into where you stand in relation to what you've studied so far. Also, it will give you more push for exam preparation, making the actual exam a more comfortable experience. Flashcards are ideal for enhancing your memory and helping you recall theory, definitions, and key dates – these are great for quick study sessions, especially straight before an exam.

**4-** Don't feel obliged to just sit in front of a book with a highlighter; for there are many different ways to study. You should pick out whatever works for you. Try using as many study tools and techniques as possible to help you study better and find what works best for you. Perfect examples of such study tools would be online flashcards, mind maps, mnemonics, study planners, video and audio resources. Login to



your Exam Time account now to access your free online study tools, study quizzes, practice exam answers, and bring your study notes with you wherever you are.

5-“Some people dream of success, while others wake up, plan, and work hard for it.” In order to achieve exam success, you need to know what you want to attain. That’s why it is extremely important to set your Study Goals now and outline to yourself what you need to do. With your study goals in mind and your end

of year exam weeks and months away, you will have a flexible study plan as opposed as possible to a rigid one. The closer you get to your exams, the more concrete your study plan should be. It can be broad enough to allow you to add and change aspects but concise enough so you know you’re covering each subject/topic as 4..... as you can at this point.

If you incorporate these 5 aspects into your study regime, you will be on your way to achieving exam success. Remember, the earlier you start learning and preparing for exams, the more you’ll remember and understand but most importantly, you will have to study less in the future! Why not try using Exam Time to put these study tips into action.

**B- Match each of these tips (a-f) with its correct paragraph (1-5). There is one extra. (Score 2.5)**

- a. Create a flexible study plan
- b. Understand your study topics in your own words
- c. Study less in the future
- d. Get Creative with online study tools
- e. Don’t be ashamed of asking study questions
- f. Quiz yourself

**C-Pick out from paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 words that have the same meanings as the following: (Score 2.5)**

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| 1-repeat   | 2- reminders | 3-inflexible |
| 4-tangible | 5-brief      |              |

**D-Paraphrase the underlined sentence in the text. (Score 2)**

**E. Correct the one grammatical error in each sentence. (Score 2)**

1. I heard that there was a revolution on the evening news.
2. Can you tell me how long does the tornado last?
3. Neither my sisters nor my mother are coming to the evening party.
4. If I was at home yesterday, I would have seen you.



**F-Restate these sentences to have the same meaning.**

**(Score 2)**

1- Many people underestimate the power of daydreaming and planning.

The power.....

2-Because he always keeps his head in the sand, he is living his life in stress.

He wishes.....

**Part II –Writing**

**(Score 7)**

*“Some people dream of success, while others wake up, plan and work hard for it.”*

In a paragraph of about 7-10 lines, explain the above saying, showing where you stand and why.



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Answer key English

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A - 1. then      2 . of      3. prepare      4. what      5. well / better      (Score 2)

B- Match each of these tips (a-f) with its correct paragraph (1-5). There is one extra.      (Score 2.5)

- a. Create a flexible study plan      5
- b. Understand your study topics in your own words      1
- c. Study less in the future
- d. Get Creative with online study tools      4
- e. Don't be ashamed of asking study questions      2
- f. Quiz yourself      3

C- Pick out from paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 words that have the same meanings as the following: (Score 2.5)

- 1- repeat/ replicate      2- reminders/ mnemonics      3- inflexible/ rigid
- 4- tangible/ concrete      5- brief/ concise

D- Paraphrase the underlined sentence in the text.      (Score 2)

E. Correct the one grammatical error in each sentence.      (Score 2)

1. On the evening news, I heard that there was a revolution.
2. Can you tell me how long the tornado lasts?
3. Neither my sisters nor my mother is coming to the evening party.
4. If I had been at home yesterday, I would have seen you.



**F-Restate these sentences to have the same meaning.**

**(Score 2)**

**1- Many people underestimate the power of daydreaming and planning.**

**The power of daydreaming and planning is underestimated by.....**

**2-Because he always keeps his head in the sand, he is living his life in stress.**

**He wishes he didn't always keep his head in the sand / he weren't living his life in stress.**