Test Taking Strategies

Are you “TESTY” when it comes to tests and quizzes? Check out these strategies to help you be ready on test days.

General Test Preparation Skills
1. Review your notes.
2. Review your text book.
3. Review old tests.
4. Make up your own pretest.
5. Get involved in a study group.

Multiple Choice Test Skills
1. Read the question carefully.
2. Attempt to think of the correct answer without looking at the choices.
3. Read the choices.
4. Select the best answer.
5. Avoid changing answers unless they are obviously wrong.

Essay Test Skills
1. Predict the questions from your notes.
2. Practice writing out answers to questions you predict.
3. Make brief notes for each essay question.
4. Answer the questions clearly and directly.
5. Use examples and facts to support your answer.

Sources: www.sla.purdue.edu  www.csbsju.edu