

Short and Beneficial Advices for Students Sitting Examinations

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1. Work hard to achieve the highest possible grades. You will not be able to reach great heights without putting effort into your studies.
2. Manage your time appropriately by making a timetable and a revision plan. Adequate time should be allocated for exam preparation and also for resting and eating, as the mind is not able to function efficiently without sufficient rest and food.
3. Whilst acknowledging that your efforts and preparations alone cannot guarantee success without the Help of Allāh ﷻ, turn to Him with utmost humility. Make du‘ā yourself and request your parents, the ‘Ulamā and pious to make du‘ā for you too.
4. Repent and abstain from every disobedience to Allāh ﷻ. This is the most important advice as any sort of disobedience will incur the Displeasure of Allāh ﷻ and close the doors of His Help.
5. Recite Sūrah Yāsīn in the morning of the exam. It has been narrated that Nabī ﷺ said, ‘Whoever recites Sūrah Yāsīn in the morning, his needs will be fulfilled.’ (Sunanud-Dārimī)
6. Perform two raka‘āt of ṣalāh before leaving for the exam. Allāh ﷻ says, ‘Seek help with ṣalāh and patience.’ (2:45)
7. Give ṣadaqah (charity) according to your capacity, even it is as little as 10p, 20p or 50p.
8. Whenever the examinations make you worry, recite the following:

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ، يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ، حَسْبُنَا اللهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيْلُ

O The Most-Merciful of the merciful! O the Ever-Living! O the Sustainer (of all)! Only through Your Mercy do I seek help. Allāh is sufficient for us and He is the best one in Whom to trust.

9. Begin the exam paper with bismillāh and ṣalāh ‘alan-Nabī. If you get stuck on any question during the exam, then before giving more thought to the question, recite two or three times a short formula of ṣalāh ‘alan-Nabī such as *ṣallallāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam* or *Allāhumma ṣalli ‘alā Muḥammad*. Ṣalāh ‘alan-Nabī creates ease and provides a solution for every problem.
10. Show gratitude to Allāh ﷻ for whatever you were able to write by performing two raka‘āt after the exam.
11. If the exam does not go as well as you desired, then do not become despondent. Remain content with the Decree of Allāh ﷻ regarding your exam results and remember that He is the Most-Wise. Inshā‘allāh, your efforts along with your obedience to Allāh ﷻ will, sooner or later, bring success.

I pray that Allāh grant all the students barakah in their studies, success in their examinations and make them true ambassadors of Islam. Āmīn.