

# UW-Marathon County Library Restroom Reader

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**Here are some test taking tips to consider  
as you prepare for and take your finals.**



## True / False Exams

\*\*\*Pay attention to absolute words such as *always*, *never*, *everyone*, and *no one*. Answers are rarely black and white so if you see an absolute word, the item will probably not be correct.

\*\*\*Study the sentence length. Remember that for a sentence to be true, *all parts* of it must be true.

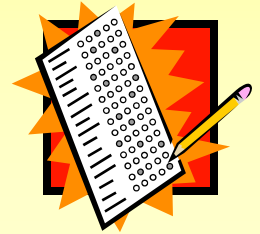
\*\*\*Consider guessing on the questions you can't answer unless there is a penalty for guessing.



## Multiple Choice Exams

\*\*\*Use the process of elimination. Test writers know that you're looking for the correct answers, so they include a lot of answers that *look correct* but are in fact *wrong*. Rather than looking for the right answer, start by looking for and eliminating the wrong answers.

\*\*\*Look for the words *not*, *except*, and *best*. These questions can be tricky because if you overlook these words, your answer will be opposite of what's intended.



## Essay Exams

\*\*\*Analyze the question. Before you do anything else, make sure you *understand exactly* what's being asked of you.

\*\*\*Use your time well. There's no rule saying that you have to write the essays in order, so start with the essay you want.

\*\*\*Keep writing. If you get stuck, *skip some space* and go on to the next paragraph or point.

\*\*\**Proofread, edit, and revise* your essays before turning them in.



## General Tips

\*\*\*Too much *caffeine* can lead to forgetfulness so drinking too much while studying is counterproductive.

\*\*\*Never *skip classes* near exam time. You may miss a review session and other crucial information.

\*\*\*Study groups are most effective when they're *small*, no more than 3-5 students.

\*\*\*A minor case of *nerves* can actually help you do well on exams because they keep you alert and focused.



These tips were taken from the book Test-Taking Strategies & Study Skills for the Utterly Confused by Laurie Rozakis, Ph.D. ©2003



## The UWMC Library has Expanded Hours for Finals!

May 10—7:45am-9:00pm

May 11—7:45am-5:00pm

May 12—10:00am-3:00pm

May 13—3:00pm-9:00pm

May 14 - May 16—7:45am-9:00pm

May 17—7:45am-4:00pm