

5 Tips to Prepare for the Regents

TIP 1

BE CONFIDENT AND PREPARED

- Take previous exams, from the subject-specific Barron's *Regents Exams and Answers* book, under exam conditions and time limits.
- Review using the subject-specific Barron's *Let's Review* book.
- Keep current on your homework assignments.
- Review the exams that your teacher gave during the term.
- Take clear and concise notes in class.
- Practice good study habits.
 - Bring at least two pencils to the exam room.
 - Remember that cell phones are not allowed during the test.



READ TEST INSTRUCTIONS AND QUESTIONS CAREFULLY

- Familiarize yourself with the test directions ahead of time.
- Understand how the test will be graded.
- Know which questions are worth the most points.
- Provide only the information that is requested.
- Underline important words and phrases.
- Ask for assistance from the exam-room proctor if you do not understand the directions.

TIP 2



TIP 3

BUDGET YOUR TEST TIME IN A BALANCED MANNER

- Know how much time is allowed and bring a watch to keep track of the time.
- Answer the easier questions first.
- Spend more time on the harder questions and on those worth more credit.
- Don't get "hung up" on difficult questions; go on to another question and return later to the difficult ones.
- If you finish early, read over your work—there may be some things that you omitted or that you may wish to add. You also may wish to refine your grammar, spelling, and penmanship.



USE YOUR REASONING SKILLS

- Answer all questions.
- Relate the question to anything that you studied, to anything you heard your teacher discuss, to any films you watched in class, or to any projects you did.
- Look over the entire test to see if one part of it can help you answer another part.
- Be cautious when changing an answer. Try to remember why you selected the first answer to be sure that the new answer is better.
- Write legibly and use complete sentences for free-response questions.
- Proofread your free-response answers and be sure you answered all parts of each question before handing in your test.



TIP 4



TIP 5

DON'T BE AFRAID TO GUESS

- Go with your first answer choice.
- Eliminate obvious incorrect choices.
- If you are still unsure of an answer, make an educated guess.
- There is no penalty for guessing, so answer ALL questions. Unanswered questions receive no credit.

