



# Preparing for the Physics Final Exam



## One Month Before

- ✓ If you are working, talk to your employer and parents about getting two to three weeks off of work in January to focus on your exams.
- ✓ Manage your time so that extracurricular activities are not and will not be interfering with your reviewing.
- ✓ Make sure your notes are complete, up-to-date, and organized - you may want to check with your teacher or a classmate who takes good notes, especially if you have some absences.
- ✓ Read through your notes and make sure you understand all the concepts - ask for extra help if you don't understand.
- ✓ Begin reviewing your tests and quizzes - redo the test questions (especially the ones you got wrong). Questions that appear on tests tend to appear on exams as well.

## Two to Three Weeks before the Final

- ✓ Continue reviewing your notes. If needed, seek additional resources for further development of concepts (e.g. use your issued textbook, website documents).
- ✓ Make up flash cards for reviewing the concepts discussed in class.
- ✓ Make up your own questions and answers - exchanged these with your classmates.
- ✓ Practice doing the diagram questions.

## One to Two Weeks before the Final

- ✓ More specific information about the exam layout will be given to you.
- ✓ Continue reviewing notes from previous units - ask for extra help with topics you feel you do not understand.
- ✓ Join/create a study group. Get together outside of class and teach each other the concepts. Work together on problems.
- ✓ Review the tests from previous units once again.
- ✓ Study until you feel confident.

## Day/Night before the Final Exam

- ✓ Review one last time.
- ✓ Be confident, you've done lots of preparation by now.
- ✓ Gather all of the supplies you need: pencils, erasers, calculator, ruler, and protractor.
- ✓ Get a good night's rest and then a healthy/hearty breakfast.



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## During the Exam

- ✓ When permitted to start you should use scrap paper to jot down any information you've memorized.
- ✓ Glance through the exam and do the easy questions first. Remember to read the instructions carefully.
- ✓ Double check your answers - do they match your understanding of the concepts?

## Exam Expectations

- ❖ Students are required to stay in the exam room for a minimum of two hours.
- ❖ It is not permitted to listen to any device during the exam.
- ❖ It is not permitted to have a cell phone anywhere near your examination area. Cell phones may not be used for calling, texting, or as a music device anytime during the exam period. I will confiscate any cell phones I see during the examination period.
- ❖ You are not permitted to borrow a calculator - get your own!