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Aims

The study skills learnt in this section should enable the student to: -

- Prepare effectively for exams
- Recognise the qualities needed to obtain a good exam pass
- Handle exam questions with quiet confidence
- Follow a definite timetable when answering exam questions
- Answer only the set questions
- Structure the exam answers
- Be aware of and avoid the causes of exam failure

Section 1: Opening Comments

After making necessary allowance for personal ability and other factors like personal health, acquiring effective exam skills is an absolute '*must*' for the student who wishes to do well. Their use enables the student to minimise the risk of failure and to gain the best possible marks.

Section 2: Qualities Required

To gain a good mark in an exam it's necessary to be: -

- 2.1 Efficient – keep to a timetable
- 2.2 Constantly focused – always bearing the question in mind
- 2.3 Organised – writing a **beginning, middle** and an **end**
- 2.4 Confident and sound in the subject knowledge – gained only by thorough revision
- 2.5 Pragmatic – tackling only those questions concerning which the student has some adequate knowledge
- 2.6 Able to prioritise – sifting relevant from irrelevant source material

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