

## A general guide to preparing for tests/exams:

### Ways to Review:

- **LEARNING/STUDYING**
  - Read notes (make sure you have notes for every lesson!)
  - **Summarize** notes (key info, formulas, definitions, tips & tricks, etc)
  - Read textbook for instruction, examples, and topic summaries
  - Learn from online resources
  - Learn from peers
  - Come in for extra help\*
  - **Review mistakes** you made during the unit (homework, quizzes) and how to correct them – always keep your homework, quizzes, and tests
  - Create study aides: cue cards, how-to guides, lists of mistakes to avoid, etc
- **CONTEMPLATING**
  - Consider the major expectations for the unit: what you will be expected to know
  - Consider the types of questions that might get asked on the test
- **PRACTISING**
  - Attempt questions from the textbook, review pages, or other sources
  - (for the textbook, consider both the relevant chapter and the end-of-chapter review sections)
  - Check answers in the back of the book to see if you're right
  - Practise with a friend or classmate: drill each other, create questions for each other to answer, make up a game, etc.
  - Be sure to give **extra attention** to sections that you understand *least*, or those that you have made mistakes on in previous questions/assessments
  - Instead of practising chapter by chapter, mix up the order of questions. Questions on a test will not be in order of chapter, and you will get better at recognizing what type of question you're trying to answer.
  - Attempt a mix of easy and challenging problems from each chapter

This is not an exhaustive list (there are other ways to review). But these are good ideas.

\* Waiting to get extra help until the day of the test is *strongly* discouraged. You should start studying farther in advance, partly so that you can ask questions sooner.