Preparing for Exams

When the Exam is Announced:
- Find out what the exam will or won't cover.
- Find out what kind of exam it will be: objective, short essay, long essay, or a combination.

Exam Study:
- Prepare summary sheets for large amounts of lecture and textbook notes.
- Spend several nights before an exam making a final review of notes.
- Stress the following areas in your review:
  1. Points emphasized in class or in the text;
  2. Areas the professor has advised for study;
  3. Questions in study guides, past quizzes, and reviews at the end of textbook chapters.

Preparation by Type of Exam:
- Objective exams: Study as if it were an essay exam.
  - Stress specifics:
    - Definitions of key terms and examples;
    - Lists of items;
    - For True/False, write some false statements.
- Essay Exams:
  - Stress concepts.
  - List probable questions.
  - Prepare a good outline answer and practice it.
- Problem Exams:
  - Memorize formulas if needed.
  - Practice problems.