

# Exams, tests, and quizzes

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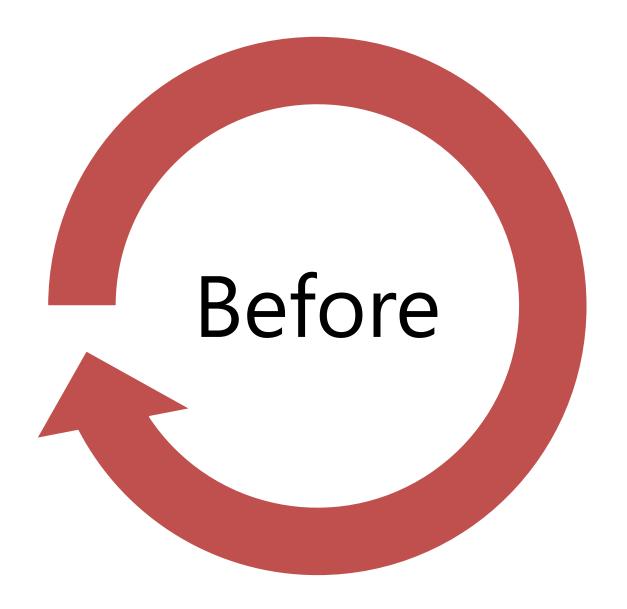
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### Make a friend ©

Ask your neighbour

- Where are they from?
- What are they studying?
- •Marvel, DC, or neither?
- Go-to snack when prepping for exams?







# Preparation is key





### Find out the ANU exam rules

- Where and when are exams held?
- What if I'm sick?
- What if I need special assistance?
- <u>www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams</u>
- To prepare for online exams, consult the Proctorio FAQs:
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# Find out all you can about your exam, test or quiz

- Consult your class summaries, Wattle sites, and convenors to learn:
  - What type of exam / test / quiz?
  - What type of questions?
  - •Online or in person?
  - How long?
  - What's it worth?
  - What is the purpose of the quiz / test? (To challenge you to apply knowledge gained? To check you are keeping up with weekly content?)







### SEMESTER PLANNER

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## Note-taking...

### Apples are better than oranges. Discuss

The importance of fruit as part of a healthy diet is well accepted and encouraged by health professionals. Current dietary guidelines promote the daily consumption of fruit to assist in the prevention of cancer (Cancer Council of Australia, 2014), cardio vascular disease (National Heart Foundation of Australia) and other chronic and degenerative diseases (Department of Health). Whilst there is still much to be learned about the chemical nutrients of different fruit, and whether some fruits are more beneficial than others, there is no debate about the need to encourage fruit consumption. Understanding the differences between fruit in terms of cultivation, storage and use is important because it influences fruit consumption and dietary advice. This essay argues that when these factors are taken into consideration, whilst both fruits offer nutritional advantages, apples are superior to oranges. In particular, the health benefits of the chemical compounds in apples along with their advantages in terms of versatility and availability, give them distinct advantages over oranges as a fruit of choice.

When compared directly, apples and oranges both have excellent nutritional content. Oranges in general contain more vitamins, in particular they are very high in vitamin C as they contain 69.7mg per average serving compared with 9.8mg in apples (Food Composition Table, 2009). However, apples provide more energy, containing on average 480 kilojoules of energy compared to 259 in oranges (2009, p. 47). Apples contain more fibre and iron but both fruits have similar amounts of potassium, magnesium and phosphate with oranges containing slightly more (Cunningham, Milligan, & Trevisan, 2001, pp. 10-13). Overall, in terms of common vitamins and minerals, apples and oranges are of equal nutritional benefit.

Whilst vitamins and minerals are considered nutritionally important, other chemicals are more directly related to benefits in terms of cancer and heart disease prevention, and here apples have some distinct properties. Research has highlighted the importance of antioxidants which act on oxygen or 'free radicals' that are directly involved in cancer and coronary heart disease (Bravo, 1998). Found in many fruits, antioxidants can prevent the attachment of free radicals on biomolecules or DNA, which in turn may help prevent disease from occurring (van de Sluis, Dekker, de Jager, & Jongen, 2001, p. 3608). According to Szeto, Tomlinson and Benzie (2002, p. 59), "optimising antioxidant intake will become a primary aim in preventive medicine, and determining bioavailability of antioxidants from different food sources will become a priority." Apples are an excellent source of the antioxidant polyphenols (Francini & Sebastiani, 2013, p.182). In particular, the peel of apple is high in phenolic compounds (Wolfe, Wu, & Lui, 2003, p. 613). Whilst oranges contain some antioxidants, the levels are not as high as whole apples (Vinson, Su, Zubik, & Bose, 2001, p. 5319). This very important new area of research has given insight into particular fruits which can offer unique health benefits.

Having a variety of ways to prepare and consume fruits will encourage more consumption and it is here that apples have a clear advantage. Although both apples and oranges can be dried and juiced, apples are much more popular and versatile in both these forms. Apple juice, in particular, is used as a base for many other types of fruit juices. Apples are popular in both raw and cooked form, again being used as a base for many dishes (Woodier, 2001). Oranges, by contrast, tend to be used only in a limited way in the cooked form (Usman & Davidson, 2014). This versatility makes apples an ideal diet choice as they can be adapted for a variety of taste preferences.

In order to gain the health benefits from eating more fruit, fruit must be readily and easily available and apples in general do much better in this area than oranges. Although apples are not very drought tolerant and prefer cooler climates, they are grown in many countries around the world (Aussie Apples, 2014). There are over 7,000 varieties of apples that have been or are currently grown worldwide (Woodier, 2001) with different varieties being suited to particular climates and soil types. Each state in Australia has regions where apples are successfully grown (Aussie Apples, 2014). Oranges are much harder to grow and have a shorter growing period (Industry, 2014) and

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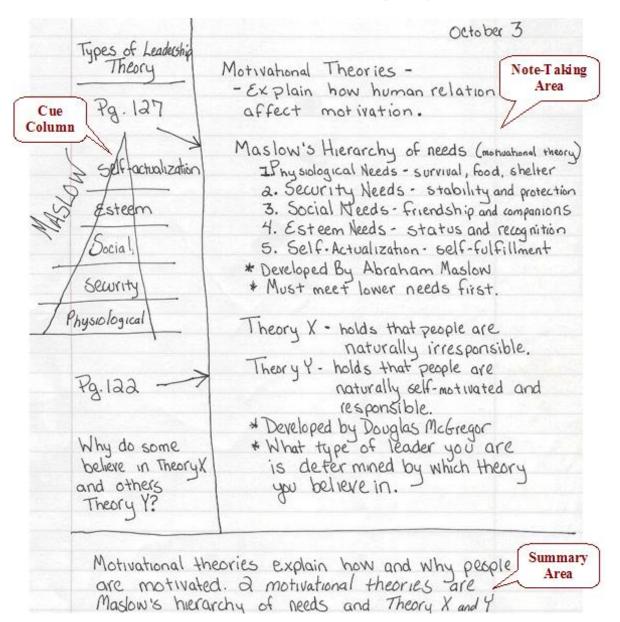
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### Cornell note-taking system





### Notes column – authors' key points

Aim <

What are the author/s aims?

• What is the research question?

Argument

What are the author/s arguing?

What is their answer to the question?

Main points

• What points support their argument?

• What are their main reasons?

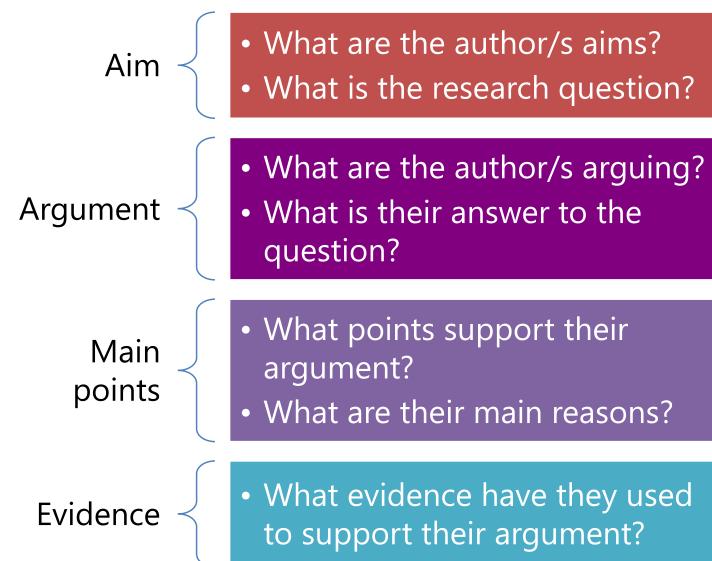
Evidence

• What evidence have they used to support their argument?

### Cue column – your ideas

- Strengths and weaknesses?
- How valid are the research methods?
- How strong/compelling is the evidence?
- How logical is the argument and subsequent conclusion?
- How does this fit in to other research in the field?

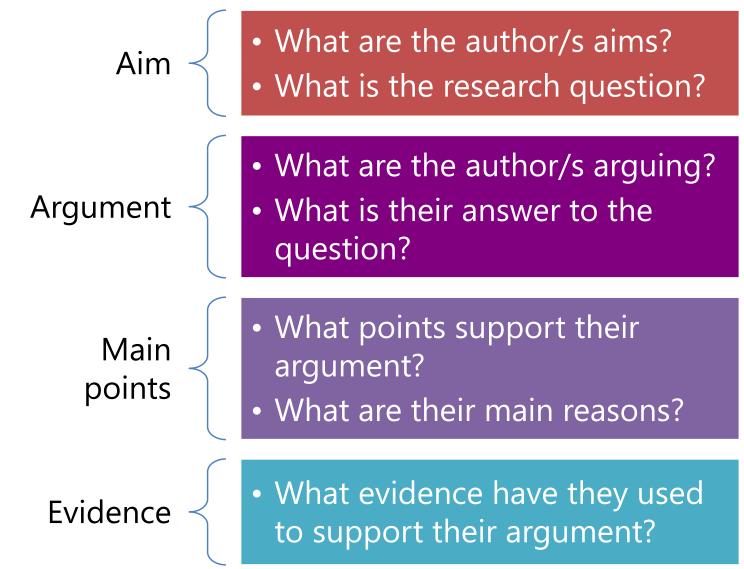
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Summarise how the argument and ideas and apply to your questions.

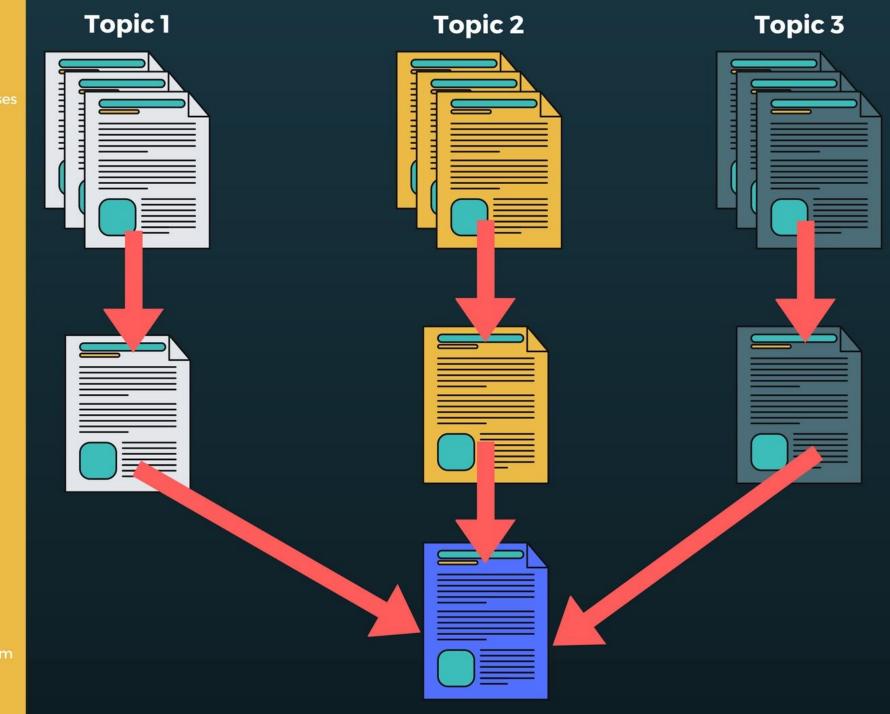
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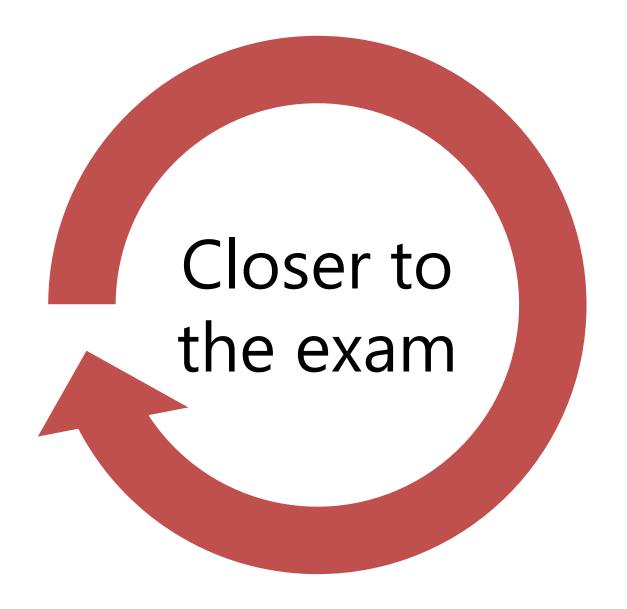
# Weekly notes

- Lecture note
- Tutorial exercise
- Readings
- Assessments

- Topic summary sheet
- Terms
- Themes
- Theories
- Theorists

- Course summary sheet
- Systematic, schematic overview
- Retrieval syster to work



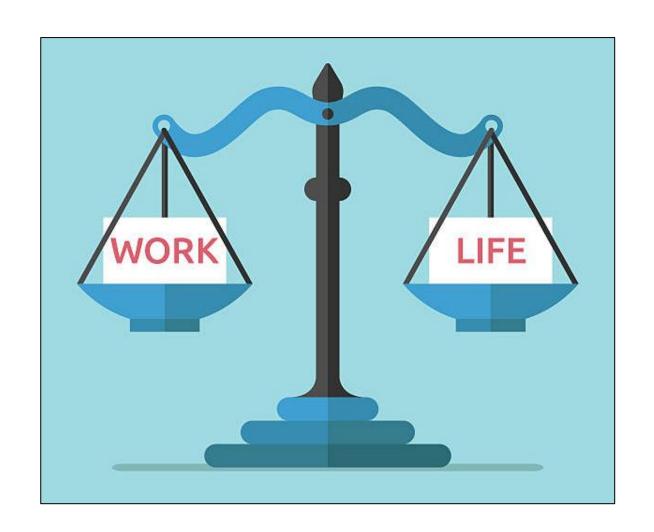




# Create an exam study schedule

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10:30 AM				for exam 2		for exam 3	
11:00 AM	1/2						
11:30 AM							Lunch
12:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:30 PM							
1:00 PM		Revise notes for	Revise notes for	Mini pretend	Revise notes for	Revise notes for	
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2:00 PM 2:30 PM		exam 2	exam 1	exam 3	exam 4	exam 1	
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3:30 PM							WOIK
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6:00 PM	-						D.
6:30 PM	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Work	Dinner	Dinner
7:00 PM							
7:30 PM	Revise notes for	Revise notes for	Cnort				
8:00 PM	exam 3	exam 4	Sport				
8:30 PM					0		
9:00 PM							
9:30 PM							

# Maintain work-study-life balance





## Some revision techniques

- Revisit your notes from the semester
- Create summary sheets to consolidate your notes and your learning
- Library website has some past exam papers:
  - http://anulib.anu.edu.au/collections/past-exam-papers
- Course textbook practice questions
- Create your own questions and quizzes
  - E.g. Quizlet, Kahoot
- Form peer study groups (3-4 people) to quiz and support each other's learning



# Consider making an exam plan:

- Based on what you know about the exam / test / quiz:
  - Allocate approximate time for each section/question
  - Consider your plan of attack for each question type
  - Allow reading and planning time

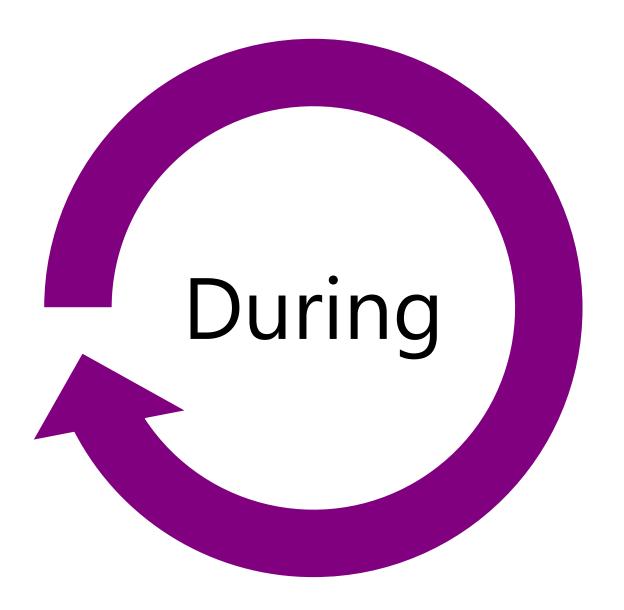


# Sample plan for 3 hour exam

question type	value	total time	approx. time per question
30 multiple choice	30%	45 mins	1½ mins
10 short answer	30%	50 mins	5 mins
1 essay	40%	65 mins	_
Time to review answers	<b>-</b>	20 mins	<b>-</b>



## Be flexible with your plan – in case of nasty surprises!





### What not to do!











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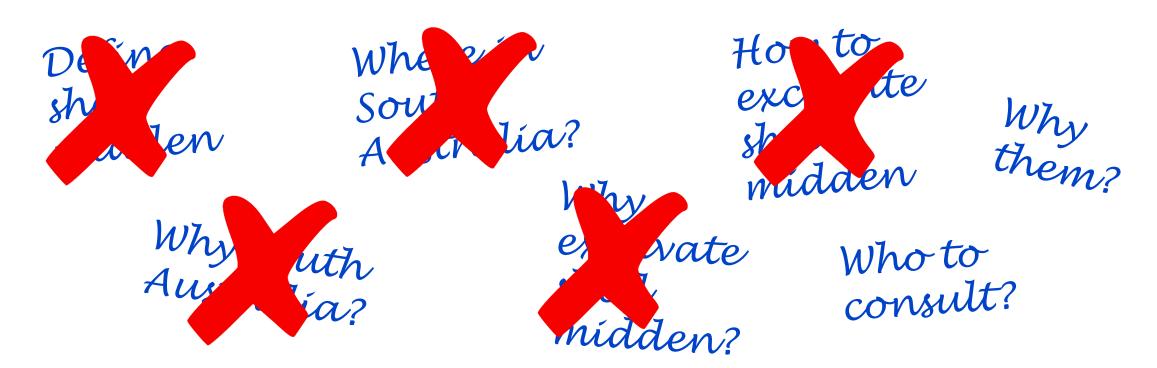
### What to do!

- Answer every question
- Ensure every answer is on point
- Use all the time allocated



# Read carefully and stick to the question

- Sample short answer question (Archaeology):
- You are interested in excavating a shell midden in South Australia. Who might you need to consult before you could implement such a task. Why?



# Using your time

- Be strategic and use your time effectively
- •In which order will you answer the questions?
  - •Will the 3 pass method work for you?
    - •1st pass: the ones you know for sure
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> pass: the ones you think you might know
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> pass: the ones you have to guess at



### Linear online exams

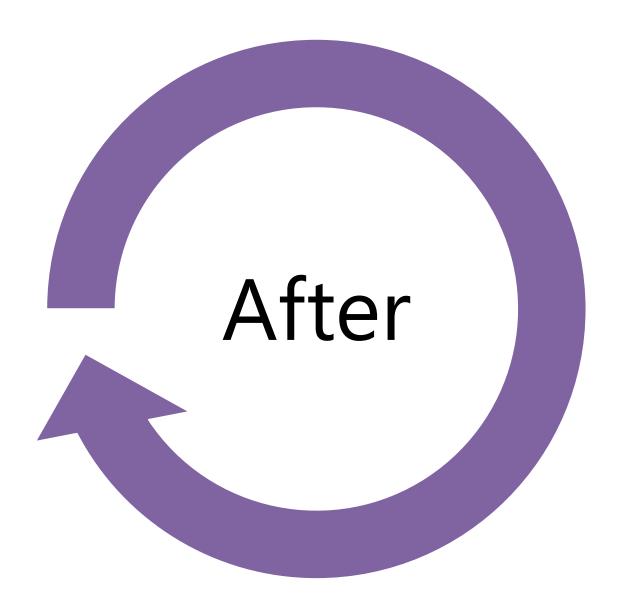
- Check the format of the exam with your course convener
- If it's this type of exam, be prepared to work within these limitations
- Be strategic with your time management: give difficult questions as much time as feasible



# Tips for sitting online tests / quizzes / exams

- Do much of what we've already discussed, e.g. keep to time, use all the time available, answer concisely and on point
- In addition:
  - Create an optimal work space
    - Comfortable, well-lit, free from distractions, reliable internet
  - Disable notifications on your computer/phone and close other programs
  - Use note paper to brainstorm, jot down thoughts and ideas, and keep a record of unanswered questions
  - For guidelines on sitting Proctorio online exams, consult the FAQs: <a href="https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/proctorio-faqs">https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/proctorio-faqs</a>







### Reflection

Reflect after completing the exam AND after receiving your grade

- •How useful were your notes?
- Did you use the best revision strategy?
- •Was your exam plan successful?
- What did you learn from the experience?



## Celebrate!





# Questions?





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