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Stay Cool and Prepare Well for Online Exams





9 Things to Check Before Taking the Online Exam:

- Read the assessment guidelines and instructions.
- Know exactly where, when and how the exam will take place.
- Participate in practice test if any or rehearse yourself.
- Check your computer, devices, and internet network are all functioning well and fully charged.
- Identify a safe, quiet and private location that is free from interruption and distractions. (If you have difficulties in spotting a suitable location, contact the course coordinator to see what other options you will have.)



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- Inform people (e.g. family) close by that you will be taking an exam.
- Make sure you know how to submit the exam paper after completion.

In case there is a technical problem during the exam:

- Do you know who to contact and their contact information (telephone and email address)?
- Are you allowed to print, save or screencap a copy of your answers?



While Taking the Online Exam:

- 1. Sit at a clear desk.
- 2. Take a few slow deep breaths to start.
- 3. Keep time.
- 4. If you are allowed to do web search in the exam, do not shut down the exam page. Open another browser.
- 5. Stay calm when there are technical problems.
 Stay at the exam page and do not close the page.
 Contact the appropriate person immediately and take the proper actions.





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- 6. Check if every answer is completed before submitting. If you have a problem submitting the exam, inform the appropriate person immediately.
- 7. Keep your integrity. Disciplinary actions will be taken for violation of rules for online exams.



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After taking the exam

- 1. Give yourself a break and wind down.
- 2. Review your performance and study strategies. Improve next time.





Other support and resources

Relaxation and mindfulness exercises

https://www.cedars.hku.hk/cope/pe/exercises/

• Other tips for dealing with exam anxiety

http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/studysmart/

- Test your exam anxiety http://psyax.cedars.hku.hk/?ref=66
- Need special exam arrangements from SEN Support (Students with special educational needs)

https://www.cedars.hku.hk/cope/sen-support/sen-resources/

Get support from a counsellor at CEDARS-CoPE

https://www.cedars.hku.hk/cope/cps/appointment/

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