

Essay Test Taking Strategies



- Do you need to answer all the essay questions?
- How much time do I have for each question?
- Would I gain confidence by doing the easiest one first?

- Jot down your immediate thoughts for each question.
- Number your thoughts to organize your ideas.
- Look for the terms that tell you how to answer the question.

Identification

The basic facts!

Terms

How it can be asked:

define, indicate, identify, name, state, mention

Detailed Information!

How it can be asked:

describe, discuss, analyze, develop, summarizing

Description

Terms

Relation

Discuss the similarities and differences.

Terms

How it can be asked:

compare, contrast, relate, differentiate, distinguish

Defend an issue or show how the concept works.

How it can be asked:

show, justify, prove, support, demonstrate

Demonstration

Terms

Evaluation

Support your opinion or argument.

Terms

How it can be asked:

assess, evaluate, propose, interpret, criticize

