ICM Tips For What To Do After A Mock Exam

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This Presentation Will Cover:

1. Using Past Papers (Mocks)
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3. How to Use Reflective Practice In Your Revision
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Using Past Papers

• Use Past Papers from your subject as mock exams

• Try and match actual exam conditions

• Create a good environment to carry out the mock exam, have a visible clock so you are able to time yourself and remove all your notes from the room
How to Test Yourself using past papers (mocks)

• Answer the past paper **in these exam conditions**

• Give yourself the **exact time** you would have in the real exam

• **Plan and answer** all the questions you would have to in the exam
Once complete...

• You can get an idea of what parts you struggle to remember and argue without your revision notes

• Refer back to your notes to see what you struggled to remember and get down as a sophisticated argument or what you missed completely
How to Test Yourself using past papers (mocks)

- Use the **red, amber, green method** by highlighting the sections you found hard in **red**, sections you weren’t completely confident in **orange** and the sections you felt confident in **green**

- This **enables you to review and reflect** on your answers as if you had just taken the exam

- Reflection is key to **learning from your previous work**, so reflecting from a mock exam can really prepare you for the real thing
Reflective practice

Ultimately is about “making sense of experience” (Cottrell, 2003 pp: 171) to better one’s development.

Learning effectively (quickly and in depth) by making sense of your own revision will significantly increase your chances of success in your exam.
How to Use Reflective Practice In Your Revision

• Learning from reflection on each past paper practice question you've completed will mean you have learnt what you are not so confident on through the red amber and green method, so you could improve for the final exam – if it works for you

• For example after your ‘Mock’ paper revise only the topics that you got wrong answers to and coloured red and amber OR revise these areas first
Summary

• Using past papers is great practice to prepare yourself for the real thing

• Learning from reflection through the red amber and green on each past paper practice question you've completed could significantly increase your chances of success in your exam as you can learn what you are not so confident on in exam conditions before the final exam
References