

Preparation before the examination

- Choose an area specifically to revise in
- Make a revision timetable
- Be prepared and know what to expect
- Don't only learn key points
- Work through past paper questions
- Practice is the key, it won't just happen
- Use the Revise for Core Mathematics 3 revision book
- Learn all formulae that don't appear on the formula sheet
- Don't revise just before the examination

Always in the examination

- Underline the key facts
- Draw a diagram if it might help you
- Estimate the answer
- Check if the answer is right/realistic
- Cross out answers if you change them
- Blank spaces are for sketching graphs or diagrams
- Don't give just an answer if there is more than 1 mark
- Don't only give the rounded answer, always show the full answer in the working
- Read each question carefully
- Show stages in your working
- Check the units your answer has
- Work steadily through the paper
- Skip questions you cannot do
- Use marks as a guide for time: 1 mark = 1 minute
- Present clear answers on the answer line
- Go back to questions you didn't do
- Don't panic: you need about 80 % for a grade A and about 40% for a grade E
- Relax, and keep an eye on the clock without checking it every five minutes
- Leave time to complete each question and to read through your answers before the end of the exam

After the examination

- Once you have finished the exam, don't worry about it
- Avoid comparing your answers with other students as it will only make you worry