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TIPS IN 30 MINUTES

Bar Exam Prep

STUDY SCHEDULE

1. CREATE A SCHEDULE

Create a schedule early. Understand that it can change as you go - so be flexible.



2. STUDY STYLE

Everyone has a different study style. Do what works for you.

3. MAKE TIME FOR YOU

Include time for yourself in your schedule. Eat healthy and work out regularly. Bad lifestyle changes will affect you quickly.



4. COORDINATE BAR REVIEW SCHEDULE

Make sure you incorporate the Bar review course schedule into your personal schedule.



5. DECOMPRESS

Build in a few "decompression days" to accommodate the unexpected and to let your brain process information.

6. STUDY AREA

Have a study area that allows you to be most comfortable.

MINDSET & ATTITUDE

7. COMMIT TO PASS

From the very beginning, commit yourself to doing everything you can to pass the Bar.

8. STAY POSITIVE

Just remember you have the ability and the skills to pass!



9. BE YOURSELF

Do not compare yourself to your friends - we all have our strengths and weaknesses.



10. FACE THE TASK

We can face a task in one or two ways: either as something we have to do or something we get to do. Think of how many people don't get accepted to law school... how many burned out in their first year. You are the elite. You don't have to take the Bar exam - you get to take the bar exam. It's an opportunity, so make the most of it.

11. KEEP PRACTICING

Don't get discouraged if you test poorly on some of the practice exams. Just keep practicing.

12. ASK FOR HELP

Ask your Bar review instructors for help. Also consider asking classmates to form a discussion group.

PRACTICE TESTS

13. TAKE MANY TESTS

Take as many practice tests as possible. Become proficient with multiple choice and essay questions.



14. DETERMINE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

Use practice tests to determine your strengths and weaknesses. Focus on your weakness and maintain your strengths.

15. MEMORIZATION

One key part of taking practice exams is to help you memorize the materials. Make flashcards, acronyms, songs, etc., to help you retain the information.



16. REVIEW EVERYTHING

Always review the answers on your practice tests, even those you answered correctly.



17. RESEARCH ESSAY QUESTIONS

Find out what Bar examiners are looking for on the essay portions of the exam.

18. PREPARE FOR EVERYTHING

Don't think you can pass the exam by doing well on a certain number of subjects. You need to be prepared for anything.



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EXAM WEEK



19. BRUSH UP

This last week should not be a cram session. Look over subjects you want to brush up on.

20. CONFIRM LOGISTICS

Finalize day-of-exam logistics. Confirm parking, directions to the exam site, nearby restaurants etc.

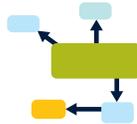


21. GET PLENTY OF REST

The Bar is as much a test of endurance as it is a test of knowledge.

22. TAKE MORE TESTS

Do more practice tests. If possible, take advantage of any mock Bar exam sessions provided by your Bar prep course.



23. MAKE CONDENSED OUTLINES

At this point, using review books and long outlines will waste time.

24. STAY FOCUSED

Don't let yourself get burned out or distracted in the last week.



EXAM DAY

25. DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Dress comfortably, in layers, because the room may be hot or cold.



26. MAKE EDUCATED GUESSES

If you don't know the answer to something, make an educated guess and move on.

27. DON'T FREAK OUT

Freaking out about the test won't help at this point. Go in with a relaxed mindset and just do your best.



28. ARRIVE EARLY

Arrive at the exam early; be completely prepared with everything you need; follow the rules about what you can bring.

29. WATCH THE CLOCK

During the exam, watch the clock. Being cognizant of how much time you have is important.



30. YOU'VE GOT THIS

You followed through the schedule, put in the time and, though you don't know everything, you know enough to pass. And passing is all that really matters.