

General Advice

- Study using all your references in the same bag, suitcase, cardboard box, etc. that you are going to use during the test. Put the materials down on the floor next to you, or on the desk directly in front of you, since that's where they will likely be during the test.
- Study using a 0.5 lead or #2 pencil. The pencils they have for the test are not the best – get used to writing with the smaller diameter pencil lead so you're not breaking or running out of lead throughout the test.
- Study using the exact same Approved Calculator you will use on the exam. This will help you make efficient use of your calculator time.
- Bring an extra approved calculator, and leave in your bag just in case.
- Bring a square pillow for your seat at the exam site. The collapsible seats are uncomfortable and are too low in relation to the long folding tables. Not only does it lift you up several inches but it's comfortable!
- Bring a healthy, packable lunch. Eat it on your short break between tests by yourself somewhere quiet.
- Don't meet with others before the exam or at lunch time, unless you will be studying. Resist the urge to gossip with others, unless you think this will relieve some stress.
- Don't drink too much coffee, but do make sure to drink enough water on test day.
- Use the restroom, drink some water, and eat some solid food before the exam.
- Be prepared to sit and wait for others to file into the exam room and fill out paperwork for an hour or more after the doors to the exam site open before taking the first 4-hour test.
- Get to the exam site early, find a quiet area, and review your notes.