

AP Chemistry Exam

Essay To Do List:

1. The first thing that you should do is to carefully read the question. The second thing you should do is read the question. The third thing you should do is read the question. Be sure you answer the question asked and only the question.
2. Write clearly and neatly. It would be foolhardy to antagonize the reader with lousy penmanship.
3. Go into detail that is on the subject and to the point. Be sure to include the obvious. Answer the question thoroughly in 1-2 sentences per part.
4. If you cannot remember the word exactly, take a shot at it and get as close as you can. If you don't have the name of the concept, describe it.
5. Bring a watch to the exam so you can pace yourself. You will have 90 minutes on the Multiple Choice, 40 minutes on the first section of the essay, and 50 minutes on the last section of the essay. No one will announce the minutes left in any part.
6. Understand that the exam is written to be hard. The average will be about 50% correct which receives a passing score so it is very likely that you will not know everything.

Don't

1. Don't waste time on background information unless the question calls for historical development or significance. Just answer the question.
2. Don't ramble. Get to the point.
3. Don't shoot the bull—say what you need to say and go to the next question. You can always come back if you remember something.
4. Don't use light pencil or pen with ink other than blue or black. Never use a felt tip.
5. Don't scratch out excessively. One line through a word should be sufficient.
6. Don't worry about using exact grammar. These are not a part of the standards the readers use.
7. Don't write sloppily. It is easy for a reader to miss an important word when he/she cannot read your handwriting.
8. Don't leave a question blank. Remember that each point on an essay is the equivalent of about three multiple choice questions and there is no penalty for a wrong guess. Make an effort on every question.