

Time Management for 3 hour essay type question paper

- a) Keep the first two minutes for reading the Questions, marking the compulsory and optional questions to be attempted.
- b) Normally, five questions are required to be answered. The compulsory question takes 55 to 60 minutes. This leaves 120 minutes for the remaining 4 optional questions. Keep target of 25 minutes writing time for each. Within this first two minutes go in mentally noting the main points to be included, and last two minutes for re- reading for corrections of spelling.
- c) Always to stick to the 25 minute time limit for each answer. Remember, all the questions required HAVE to be completed.
- d) **DO NOT leave any question unanswered**, or half done. In a competitive examination, this will convey a major loss. This is because assuming that each of the questions is of 20 marks, and you have completed only 4 instead of 5, then you get 15 out of 20 marks, meaning the total will be 60 out of 100, instead of 75 out of 100, which you would have got if all 5 questions had been completed.
- e) In competitions, **just one mark decides**, whether you qualify or not. This is the difference between University exam and Competitive exam.
In University, getting the pass marks is sufficient to move on to the next year. In competition, to qualify, one has to be among the top highest scorers, above the cut off point in the list of candidates who have qualified the Main Examination. For this reason, each mark counts.
- f) See XYX strategy for essay type answers on next page.

XYX outline to answer all essay type question papers

7. All essay type exams Are for 3 hours. When 5 Questions are to be answered , the compulsory Question takes 55 to 60 min. Remaining 4 x 25 min. each, should be the time limit.

6. The XYX structure is best for CSE (Main) Compulsory papers

5. Conclude by defending , and giving a positive view of the issue (Again X)

4. Provide details in paragraphs 2 to 5 including negative views(This is called Y).

1. Tick mark the compulsory and the choice questions you have to do . Indicate priority on the choice questions, from most difficult to easiest

2. First, finish the Compulsory Question(s). For each answer take one minute to think out the five major points to be included

3. In first paragraph introduce the topic, mention its positive and multi dimensional aspects. in three to four sentences (This is called X).

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