



How to prepare for November Exams:

Most parents don't know how to assist their children for November exams. With the simple steps results will improve.

Step 1

Take one subject at a time. Do not rush. You need to stay calm as a parent. For Grade 1 - 9 always start with the ANA Tests first. (Gr 10 - 12 go to step 2)

Start with ANA tests as these tests include most of the core areas. Start with the HL - Home Language tests. Do not focus on the work only. Exam papers get set in almost the same format each and every year. For example, Math papers will always start with some questions and they only change the numbers/digits of the question.

Step 2

Download June papers.
Start with June papers first.

Give your child an hour to do a test. Let him/her rest or do an activity for an hour while you mark the test with the memo. Sometimes memos are not correct and can have a few different answers. This means you will have to use your own discretion and mark it correct. Do not mark things wrong on any of the papers. Children feel very sensitive about wrong marks, rather leave it unmarked so he/she can improve on it. See it as a second/third chance to improve on.

Then the key is to sit with them and ask them some of the wrong answers. Understand how they think. In some cases children can give correct answers out loud, but not on paper. If this happens you will have to go back to teach your child how to answer on a question paper. Most teachers do not do this as they have 30 + learners in a class and this leaves it up to you as a parent to practice the papers then formulate the answers in a way to get a mark.

80% of learners know answers, but cannot write them down correctly. Imagine you are a teacher and have to mark 100 papers. Teachers only see keywords in the answer and mark right or wrong (most of the times)

Practice makes perfect. Always start answers for language papers and content papers with a capital letter and a full stop at the end.

Repeat at least 1 word from the question if possible in the answer.

Step 3

Lastly Download the November Exams.

Focus on how they ask question and guide your child how to answer each question.

November exams are always the most important exams. They count way more than any other exams and it will be the final step to secure your child's best results.

Step 4

Nothing comes easy. Practise the same tests/exams over and over!

Some tips for exam studies:

Break the questions down

A great tip for any exam is to break the questions down to make sure you really understand what you're being asked.

Look for the key parts of the question. These can give you clues on how to answer it. For example, for the question, "Explain the difference between study and revision", you could split this question into four parts:

- 1 **Explain** - give reasons to show how or why something is the way it is
- 2 **The difference** - what are the distinguishing factors between study and revision?
- 3 **Study** - what is study?
- 4 **Revision**- what is revision?

Don't cram

Staying up all night to cram will only stress you out. It's better to just review what you've already studied and get an early night. That way you'll be as refreshed as you can be on the day of your exam.

If you want to do some preparation the night before, keep it simple:

- Get all your materials together
- Read over your notes
- Test yourself on key concepts
- Set your alarm

Keep your cool

Fronting up to an exam can be nerve-wracking, but here are some tips for staying calm:

- Don't talk too much to other students before the exam
- Make sure you have a decent breakfast
- Listen to some inspiring music on the way to the exam
- Drink water during exams. Drinking water improves functions in your brain by 42%

Prepare in advance and remember to download all the exams under the grade you will be writing. All english papers will be under the English grades and the Afrikaans papers under the Afrikaans grades.

Afrikaans

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English

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