

## Surviving your Electronics exam

- Try to avoid using one word answers unless the question specifically asks for one. If two marks are awarded, use more than one word!
- Always read the question right through before you begin answering, even if there are many parts to the question. This will help you to understand what the question requires you to do and make your answers clearer and relevant
- Try to have a rough piece of paper with you so you can sketch and work out things in rough first.
- Never, draw anything in pen. It looks untidy and cannot be corrected.
- When rubbing out anything, always rub it out thoroughly and remove any smudges before you correct your answer.
- Do not rush a question. Be thorough and accurate at all times and think carefully about what you want to say before you begin answering.
- Never give two answers when only one is required. Your answer will be confusing and unlikely to score anything.
- Always make sure you have a sharpener and a spare pencil and do not use a blunt pencil. This looks awful.
- Straight lines should be drawn straight with no kinks or curves that should not be there. If necessary, draw a very faint line with a ruler and go over it freehand if you want to give the impression of freehand drawing. Use a ruler if the answer demands it. e.g. circuit diagrams.
- Try to use all the space provided for sketches and drawings. If the space has been given, then it is likely it should be filled for a good answer.
- Always use your best hand writing. If your answers can't be read, then they can't be marked correctly.
- Most important of all, try not to panic. If you see several questions you do not think you can answer, save them until last and do what you can, as well as you can. When you come back to it, you will probably be a lot calmer and have some suggestions to offer.

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