Complete practice/mock exams in an environment similar to your test area and provide yourself a deadline to finish

ie. Somewhere noisy (the cafeteria, the bus, the kitchen table)

Review your mock exam answers after you have finished and if there were any questions that you did not even partially answer then thoroughly review this type of question and associated topic.

Odds are that your exam will be twice or three times more difficult than your mock exam. The mock exam is designed to prepare you for the type of questions that you should expect, however the level of difficulty will be significantly increased.

Exam questions are not meant to trick you, but rather test your ability to fully understand each facet of the topic at hand.

Teach yourself to identify the key words of each topic. This strategy will enable you to be certain that your calculation method is correctly chosen.

Always prepare a “cheat sheet” whether or not one is required of you. The preparation will engrain the types of equations/theorems that you need to be familiar with. In most cases, after preparing the sheet, you won’t need to refer to it so you can save time and use this as an additional study method.

Make sure that you have identified all topics that will be covered. You are expected to know all aspects of any pre-requisite class materials, up to and including any materials that have been identified by your instructor.

When you’re writing an exam, don’t spend too much time on any one question (unless you can use just that question to pass the test). If you’re struggling with a question or you aren’t sure of how to begin, it’s best to move on. You either are not going to get full marks on that question or your memory may be triggered later on and you can always come back. Many tests have been completed with question #2 as the first question answered.