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Study Hard and Ace Your Test Taking. Still Believe that Rubbish?

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Summary:

It's half a century since I discovered that the advice I was getting was rubbish. Just study h

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You Surely Don't Believe You Can Pass Exams Without Test Taking Strategies

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Test Taking is Unfair. Make the unfairness work for you.

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"...the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise,

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When Life Hands You A Lemon

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Sell lemonade. Life is unfair, so test taking strategies are a great introduction to life. You

Think about it. The alternative could be even more unfair. Imagine what it would be like if yo

Do you remember when you were a child playing games? Did you keep changing the rules to suit y

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Trivia Quiz

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Have you ever watched a quiz on TV and thought "Who cares? - What has that got to do with real

If you are learning to write computer programs your exams will ask you for the dates of the fi

It is unfair. Just learn the dates and other trivia to benefit from the unfairness with your t

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Essay Test Taking

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Most exams contain essay questions. These are heavily biased in favour of journalists. So what

You can know ten times as much about your subject as the winner of the exams. But he knew all

Slow handwriting can severely handicap you. Choose an efficient style of handwriting as described in my book.  
Misleading questions: examine each question thoroughly for double meanings, or specialist language.  
My book about test taking strategies gives you two examples of how to answer an essay question.

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Multiple Choice  
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Trick Questions: MC exams are too easy. You don't have to think of the right answer - only recognize the right one.  
Photographic memory for test taking: you can pass if you remember well, without understanding the question.  
Chance: if there are 4 alternatives for each answer, you have a 25% chance of passing the paper.  
Using test taking strategies you can push this chance away up. Remember, you already know at least one answer.

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I've passed the exam - you haven't  
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My university classmates used to love making lecturers admit that they didn't know something.  
That is the glaring unfairness in test taking. You will probably never use your knowledge again.  
Yes. Exams are unfair. They are very unfair. But I like it that way. I've passed my exams (including the ones I didn't study for).

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