

Study checklist

(Per subject)

Specification – what you need to know – effectively a checklist.

Revision guide – the basic knowledge that you need to learn

Workbooks and questions – application for the knowledge

Past papers – When you have completed the material, do these in timed conditions.

Examiner's reports – Read after completing the past papers.

When revising

Part 1 – Identify Gaps

- **Go through specification and revision guide. Identify/highlight all sections that you don't know.**

Part 2 – Fill the gaps by learning

- **Read the content**
- **Make concise notes/mind-maps**
- **Ask for help with any concept that you don't understand.**

Part 3 – Review everything to consolidate

Make sure that it's interactive. Passive reading/copying/watching is not useful.

Good activities:

- Condensing notes
- Flashcards (questions on one side, answers on the other)
- Writing lists/plans from memory

General principle: Whatever you do must require you to find the knowledge in your brain and reproduce it in some way.

Parts 2 and 3 can happen side by side – learn something new every study session until the content is done, but make sure that you review something every study session as well.

You must APPLY your knowledge!

- Past paper questions
- Full past papers and then the Examiner's reports (closer to the exams)

Mark the questions. If you understand why an answer is wrong, learn from it. If you don't understand why the answer is what it is, speak to your teacher ASAP.

Whenever you do some revision you should do some applying.