### PRACTICAL EXAMS

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| 1. What are they? | • Practical exams test students’ practical skills and techniques usually in laboratory, clinical or field settings.  
• They can be administered individually, in pairs or small groups. |
| 2. Purpose | • These types of performance exams require you to demonstrate your skills, capabilities and knowledge in a practical or field setting.  
• You will be better placed to perform well in a practical exam if you can report your methodology and observations accurately. |
| 3. Preparation | • Identify the key procedures performed during the practical classes, write down summaries of the methods, and make sure you are able to repeat them.  
• Ensure that you understand the theory of the subject content and its different applications.  
• Rehearse your skills – preparation and practise will help to perfect actions.  
• Find out as much as you can about the setting for the exam, and plan responses or activities for possible questions or tasks set. |
| 4. Taking the exam | • Remain calm and confident.  
• If you have prepared well you will have developed the necessary skills and understandings required.  
• Use the reading time to plan an efficient schedule for completing the tasks required.  
• Divide your time and energy according to the weighting of tasks.  
• Be sure to schedule some exam time to answer the questions asked, especially if you are asked to describe the method used and report the observations. |