

GETTING PREPARED FOR THE BASIC EXAMINATION

One of the most important things every junior level student desires is being able to pass their exams, particularly the Basic Education Certificate Examination (B.E.C. E).

There are some that wants to get the highest grade among his/her colleagues; others wish being crown as the best student in the entire school(s), while others also focus on obtaining and attending their first choice senior high schools chosen. Each student and his/her focus.

Unfortunately, majority of these students end up getting disappointed by not receiving the wishes into reality while some also never get selected by any of their preferred senior high schools thus causing much pressure and concern for both students and parents.

One important reason such happens, is the Lack of preparation! I found out that most of these students or candidates do not prepare or knows not how to get prepared for exams.

FOUR (4) TIPS TO GET YOU PREPARED

There are many ways to get prepared for exams, but I am going to share with you on only four (4).

- **Contribute quality time to your revision/study** – As the saying goes, “last minutes are dangerous.” There are students who are fond of waiting for the eleventh hour or final week before they get serious with their books and That is a bad attitude. Create a study time-table for yourself and write the number of exams and days on which you will be sitting to write them. Then study in accordance. That is the approach of a prepared student.
- **Create an atmosphere for your revision/study** – This the period where you set out of your sight every single destructive element like games, cartoons, etc. Look for a good chair, table or studying desk and light and spread your learning materials out. Notice, there are different kinds of students when it comes to learning. Some enjoys studying in quiet places; others want to hear some music at the background to concentrate. Just think about what suits your nature and go for it..
- **Bring together friends for learning meetings** – “Iron sharpens Iron.” So says the word of God and I believe it is one of the great ways to get you prepared for any exams that comes your way. Carefully gather friends for the purpose of learning. They may be answers to your questions and most likely you may have answers to their questions that will be of help to each one of you. This kind of preparation also gives you and your friends the ability to test your knowledge.
- **Practice on past examinations** – My teacher once said to me in private that one of the most effective ways to get prepared for exams, is to keep practising past variety of exams done before. I then ask him why it is most effective, “It will help you get used to the format of examination questions” he said in a grin. Studying old exams and timing yourself, will also train you to work in time frame for every section of the exams.

As you get ready the few weeks ahead of you for the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE). I urge you accept these four (4) tips; pray, study and work them one after the other.