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# Smart Exam Preparation: Active Learning and Effective Review

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### How to review the entire course without focusing directly on exam questions?

By organizing a well-structured review lecture centered on group collaboration & problem-solving, where students take on an active role.

# Engaging students in the review









- Organize students into small groups (pairs or trios).
- Assign each group a specific lecture to summarize 2-3 key points.
- Have each group present its summary to the class in chronological order of the lectures.

## Faculty member's role

- Provide clarifications on difficult concepts after each group's presentation.
- Use questions like "What if?" to simulate critical thinking.
- Address students' inquiries and guides the discussion for deeper understanding.

### Problem-solving and Q&A session

- Reserve the final 20-30 minutes to address challenges encountered by students during their review.
- Respond to students' questions and lead a collaborative group discussion.

### Advantages of the method

- ✓ Promotes active learning by directly involving students in recalling & organizing information.
- Facilitates better understanding of concepts through varied presentation approaches.
- Supports different learning styles among students.

### **Expected outcomes**

- ✓ Higher levels of student engagement & attendance.
- Enhanced course material understanding
- Improved exam performance.

References

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