

## Answering the Easy Questions first

**Suggested Year Levels:** Middle School – High School

**When to use:** Practice Exams / Revision Tests

**Background:** There are many different ways to tackle a test. One way is to complete the easy questions first. This is not necessarily the first questions.

**Materials:**

- Revision tests / Practice Exams

**Activities / Procedures**

- Hand out test
- Discuss Strategy: Explain that instead of just rushing in and starting on Question 1, students should spend 5 minutes looking at the entire test and working out the best question to start with. That is usually what they perceive is the easiest question, the one they know a lot about
- Model: Give examples of how you would tackle the test
- Give out test
- Reflection: When talking about the answers with the class, spend some time asking students if they did the exam in a different order. Get students to discuss their decisions