

Questions 1 to 8

We interviewed six students about some of the effective ways they use to revise successfully. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

Students on Effective Ways to Revise Successfully

A – KIMBERLY TAN, 15 years old

Create a checklist to make sure that all the chapters and subtopics are covered and revised. You may want to put double ticks for chapters that need more attention. This will help you to set clear goals for each revision session. It also allows you to check each revision as you progress and definitely helps reduce anxiety.

B – OSMAN ARIAL, 16 years old

Highlight key points. Use diagrams, mind maps and freehand drawings to improve your understanding. You can also learn to draw functional diagrams. This can help you to concentrate better and retain more information. Besides, it is useful for a quick revision.

C – LEENA VENI, 16 years old

Familiarise yourself with the exam format by answering past year questions. You can analyse frequently asked questions and highlight the keywords in the questions. Answer the past year exam papers in the same time limit as it will give you an opportunity to test yourself under the same constraint. You can draft out your answers and check it with your teacher.

D – SOFEA ANITA, 17 years old

You need to take regular breaks from revision. Spend some time doing something relaxing such as taking a walk or chatting with a friend. These activities can help you to relax. There is no point in spending so much time revising if in the end you are too tired to concentrate.

E – SUHAILI ANOM, 15 years old

Find a group of friends who want to succeed and are willing to commit to having regular meetings. In your group study, you can discuss the topics of revision and help one another to solve problems, understand certain concepts and exchange ideas or opinions. This can be a great way to reduce anxiety and make revision fun and productive.

F – ANANDA KUMAR, 14 years old

Having an effective revision doesn't mean that you have to rush through your work. It is good to start your revision early even if your exams are months away. You will be less likely to encounter stress and anxiety. If you do it at the last-minute, you may end up cramming everything you need to know and end up not remembering anything.

Questions 1 to 4

Which paragraph (A – F) describes the following effective ways to revise successfully?

| Statements | Paragraph |
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| 1 Working on past year questions can help me to become familiar with the exam format. | _____ |
| 2 Spending some time doing activities that help me to unwind helps me concentrate better. | _____ |
| 3 Having a checklist will help me know which chapters I need to pay more attention to. | _____ |
| 4 Studying with a few friends can help me to understand the topics better. | _____ |

Questions 5 to 8

Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer.

What We Know About Effective Ways to Revise Successfully

- Using visuals to revise can help you to improve your _____ (5).
- Start your _____ (6) early so that you don't have to rush through your work.
- Have a _____ (7) to keep track of the chapters that you have covered.
- Attempt past year questions and ask a teacher to go through your _____ (8).

[8 marks]