Revising for Objective Test exams

This style of revision is applicable for all examinations, but we have seen it be particularly effective for individuals sitting objective test papers (that is, exams that require a user to choose or provide a response to a question whose correct answer is predetermined).

1.   Prepare

Start by selecting one area of the syllabus, learning outcome or topic that you are going to revise and then pull together the following:

- What content can I watch or read to refresh my understanding of the area
- At least two sets of questions (ideally a minimum of 10 questions per set) on the selected area

I usually recommend that people 'Prepare' the night before – ensuring that time for 'Practice' is used effectively.

2.   Practice

During 'Practice' only work for 45 minutes at a time – after 45 minutes give yourself a 15 minute break. During 'Practice' you should:

- Watch and/or read the content on the selected area
- Do the first set of questions to time, under exam conditions
- Check your answers to the first set of questions – taking time to understand any mistakes you made (going back to content if required)
- Do the second set of questions to time, under exam conditions
- Check your answers to the second set of questions – taking time to understand any mistakes you made
- Do the first set of questions again, to time and under exam conditions
- Check your answers
- Do the second set of questions again, to time and under exam conditions
- Check your answers

Remember that practice makes permanent, the more you do (checking your answers as you go along) to more likely it is to stick.

3.   Progress

Once you have 'mastered' you chosen area of the syllabus, learning outcome or topic, you can then progress onto the next one, where you start by Preparing.

It is important, that as you work through your revision routine, you go back at some point and re-do the sets of questions from all of the areas of the syllabus – this will test whether you have mastered the syllabus.

If you have any questions, or would like some more tips on how to revise, please email me at james.taylor@htftpartnership.co.uk