

Mock Exam Instructions

Mock exams are located on the tcmreview.com website. Please login and go to the Practice Tests tab then Tests.

I want you to get the best possible results from these mock exams. Please be honest with how you take this exam for your own personal gain. It's not important that you get an A on this exam. It is important to see where you are with your mastery of the material. This will help you set up the last few weeks of studying. Getting a true assessment is going to be the #1 thing to help you determine your outcome on the CALE exam. All information is good information regardless of whether you pass or fail.

Some guidelines for testing:

- Find a quiet place where you can test without interruption.
- Make sure you have a solid internet connection
- Make sure you have a 5-hour period that is free from all distractions.
- Put your phone in airplane mode. No calls during the exam
- You have 5 hours to take the exam. The computer will automatically SHUT DOWN in exactly 5 hours. No exceptions. **Once you start the test you can't STOP! AND, you can't retake the exam!**
- You can have one sheet of scratch paper for your mock exam. The testing centers provide either a sheet of paper or a dry erase board at the CALE exam. Start the exam and write your Big Picture if you intend to do that at the actual exam. This will use up some of your testing time. That's a good thing. You'll know by the end of the exam if writing out the big picture beforehand is a good strategy for you. My opinion is to wait until you need it to write it out. Most student report needing it for just a question or two or not needing it at all. Some students are committed to writing it out before the exam. Do what works best for you.
- The computer will automatically shut down after 5 hours. Automatically! This is exactly how it will be at the CALE. If you don't finish the exam, you know you need to work on speed before taking the real test. Luckily you have another mock exam and 4 practice tests to work on improving your speed.

Interpreting your Scores:

80% or better: You are in the safe zone. You have a good handle on the material and are prepared to pass the exam in a few weeks. Determine how many hours to study the last three weeks. There is time to take 2-3 days off after the mock exam for some self-care before you get back into studying for your exam.

75-79%: You are in the safe zone. You have three weeks to tight up all the loose ends and really gel the material together before the test day. Determine how many hours to study the last three weeks.

70-75%: You are well on your way. You still have some studying to do. Historically, the highest passing rate on the CALE has been around 78%. You want your score to be higher than 78%. There is still time to improve your score. Plan on studying 5-7 hours per day.

65-69%: You are a bit below the mark of where your mock exams scores should be in the last month before the exam. Our mock exams tend to heavily focus on memorization type questions. We've done enough case studies in the live online classes that you should have mastered this skill. You will need to clear your schedule and really focus on studying 8-10 hours a day. The focus should be to drill the information from the quizzes on our site. You can do it. It's only a few weeks or you push out your test date. Contact the TCM Review Student Success Team to schedule a Zoom session with Bina to discuss your options.

Below 65%: You'll need to bring your score up 10-15 points in the next weeks. If the exam is easy and the passing score is set low, you can do this. If the exam is difficult or the passing score is set high, it will be a challenge but not impossible. You will need to clear off your schedule entirely. Our mock exams tend to heavily focus on memorization type questions. We've done enough case studies in the live online classes that you should have mastered this skill. You will need to clear your schedule and really focus on studying 8-10 hours a day. The focus should be to drill the information from the quizzes on our site. You can do it. Find a place where you can focus without interruption for 10-12 hours a day / 7 days a week. It is possible to do but ultimately it will be your decision to commit to long days of studying and commit to passing the exam no matter what. The other option is to push out your test date. Contact the TCM Review Student Success Team to schedule a Zoom session with Bina to discuss your options.