Taking Exams in This Class

Preparation
Here’s what I think...

• Many of you did not study much at all...
• Those who did tended to “look over” your notes and the questions
  – Your relied, thus, on your “brilliance” rather than on being prepared = opportunity to BS
• Very few of you actually prepared the questions in the 10 days up to the test
Your expectations

• My guess:
  – To pass
  – To get a grade...
  – To minimize work
My expectations

• That you learn the material

• Tests are my chance to assess whether or not you have learned
  – That’s what tests are...

• To get a good grade (or perhaps even pass) you will need to meet my expectations
Break down each question

• Each question has a series of tasks
  – Do each one of them for each question

• Create a set of concepts for each task and for each question

• Tie the tasks together in a short conclusion
Spend 1 day on each question

• You will receive about five questions the week before the test

• Prepare for one each day

• The review them all before the test
So...

- Use time management
- Stay on top of the lectures, notes, & readings
- Anticipate what might be asked
- Spend a lot of time preparing for tests
And remember

- I may be “friendly”...

- But I am not “your friend”