ACCA F3 Exam technique

- do not, ever, leave the exam without having attempted ALL questions
- for the questions which require you to select one out of the four possible answers, you may find that the options are in such a form that by eliminating, say, option 2, the answer is then obvious ie, it cannot be "a, 1 and 2" "b, 2 and 3" "d, 1, 2 and 3" and therefore it must be "c, 1 and 3"
 - if, in the last 5 minutes of the exam, you have answered (and got correct!) say 40 marks worth and still have another 50 marks to attempt, the GUESS THEM! You have a statistical chance of picking up 25% of those 50 marks ie another 12 marks, and that will give you the required mark of 50 or more!
 - your paper is electronically marked, so make sure that the answer "bubble" is clearly filled in
- if you come to a question that you cannot do, LEAVE IT! You can always come back to it later
- if, when you do come back to it, you still cannot do it, try to eliminate any of the options
 which are clearly wrong and then guess from the reduced number of viable alternatives
- in a "4 option" question, obviously only one of the four can be correct. The remaining three incorrect possibilities are called "distracters". These distracters are carefully calculated typically by calculating the answer if you make one mistake, then if you make a different mistake and finally if you make both mistakes. Just because your calculated answer is the same as one of the possibilities that doesn't mean that you have got it right!
- for example, if the question were "What is 3 + 2 + 2?",
 - the four options may be "a, 7" (correct), "b, 12" (3 x 2 x 2), "c, 8" ((3 x 2) + 2), or "d, 10" ((3 + 2) x 2)
- The moral? Check that you have properly read the question!



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