

HOW TO TOP THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING BOARD EXAM



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[90.95%]

a. How do you prepare for the Board Exam?

Any "techniques?" :D

And what are the challenges you've encountered while preparing for the Board exam?

The main challenge for our batch is that we were the first ones to take the board exams with the calendar shift. It was really tough since we had to catch up to other reviewees that started in April and start even before the official graduation. We endured having to go to class from 6 to 9pm everyday for 4 months, and make-up classes from 9am to 6pm (that's 9 hours!!).

As for techniques, well, it's different per person if he/she is more comfortable learning in class or self study. For me, I mixed it up a bit since there are really some techniques that you've never seen before that you'll only learn in the review, but there are also some things that you have to practice on your own. But it really is a must to practice solving problems, and I guess one of the best decisions I made is to purchase the 1001/2001 problems book for our 3 main subjects since it had solutions and notes that can guide you in your studying.

b. How was the exam?

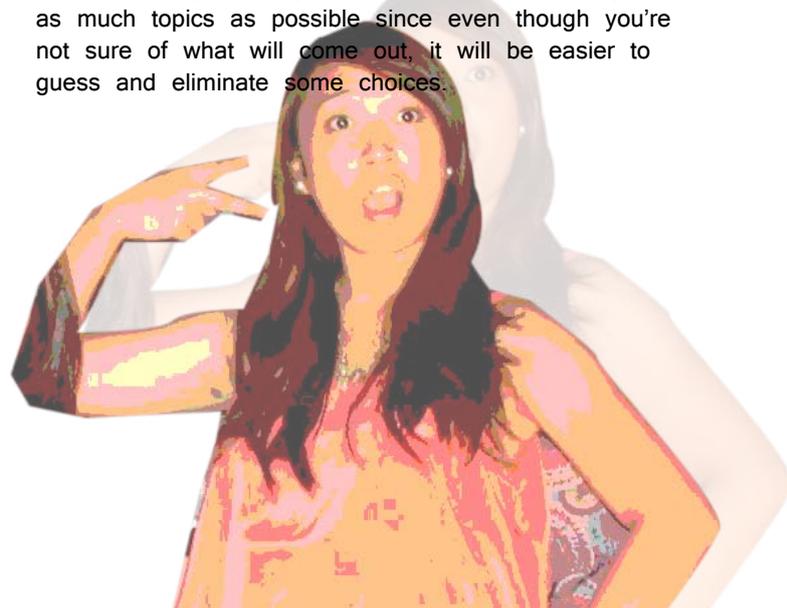
Unlike our exams in EEE, it was full of objective questions that seemed random for an EE student. The key is to really have at least a little knowledge of everything, from science, technology, and even finance and laws to make it easier for you to guess/eliminate choices. One other critical point is you must know how to troubleshoot, because there are times that the question seems wrong, which may be because of wrong given values or mistyped questions, especially in math. It's really different from our exams in EEE, however it is more challenging in terms of coverage which is just really so vast and overwhelming. And never forget to study objective questions and PEC.

c. How does it feel to top the Board Exam?

My mindset the whole time while I was reviewing was not really to top the boards, but to actually relearn everything I learned in my 5 years in UP. This way I'm not too pressured and I get to enjoy learning as I recall my past lessons. When I got the text from my friend about it I was really shocked because I didn't really expect it. It was so overwhelming since I felt the support of everyone. The response of people motivates me to do my best now more than ever. It's scary though that now real life will begin, we will have more responsibilities and expectations are higher than ever. But I guess the right mindset to counter this fear is to think that this time, we can now all make a difference in society using the skills we've learned.

d. Any advice for EEEI students who will be taking board exams?

The best way to prepare for the board exam is to understand your undergrad subjects very well and don't throw away what you've learned. If you understand the principle behind things, it'll be easy for you to derive equations in times of mental block. There are so many formulas to memorize, especially for auxiliary subjects (ESAS), that you really can't memorize everything. Cover as much topics as possible since even though you're not sure of what will come out, it will be easier to guess and eliminate some choices.



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d. Any advice for EEEI students who will be taking board exams (continuation)?

And never forget to study objective questions and PEC stuff (which is really UPD’s weakness!) I allotted my last week for studying objective questions, answering hundreds of questions each day, and repeating the questions to remember them. Buy or borrow books! I assure you it’ll be worth it. There are also some available apps that can help you with the objective questions since you have no idea where to start studying them. Take notes and rewrite in an organized manner and make sure last glance sheet for only the most difficult equations to memorize. And of course, don’t forget to relax and go out once in a while, or else you’ll go crazy! You’re all going through the same things, it’s normal to panic! But once you share what you’re feeling, you’ll feel relieved and motivated to study again. Kaya niyo yan promise! Tiwala Lang!!

e. Future plans

I plan to gain experience first in the industry, then after a few years take up masters. My goal is to transform our power system to be more renewable energy dependent.



**ELDION
VINCENT
BARTOLO [89.90%]**

**a. How do you prepare for the Board Exam? Any "techniques?" :D
And what are the challenges you've encountered while preparing for the Board exam?**

I attended a review center. Since the board exam is [composed of] multiple choice questions, Here are my tips in answering the exam:

- Usually consecutive numbers in the exam have the same answer
- Usually the correct answer are the long answers
- *answer means letter of the answer
- Try to review more in objective type questions... the questions with calculations are usually basic.
- The choices in the questions are usually not thought well. So if you got an answer through any acceptable means, they are usually correct.
- I usually answer letter C to questions that I really don't know. :)
- Don't over-review. You can't study all. You'll just forget the more important ones.

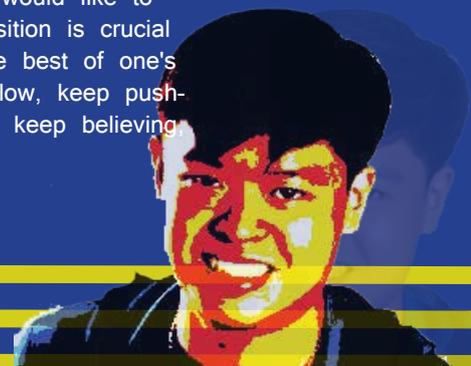
CHALLENGES: I think the most challenging part is to devote a lot of time in reviewing. In my case I crammed the lessons I should review into two weeks.



**ANDERSON
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Along with their suggestions, I would like to add that keeping a calm disposition is crucial to answering the exam with the best of one's abilities. Even if the odds are low, keep pushing, keep trying, keep studying, keep believing, and keep praying.



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b. How was the exam?

The exam was easy. I think any EEE graduate will pass the board exam easily. But I was disappointed on the typographical errors in the exam questionnaire. There are a lot of them. I hope that PRC reviews the printed questionnaires before giving them to examinees.

c. How does it feel to top the Board Exam?

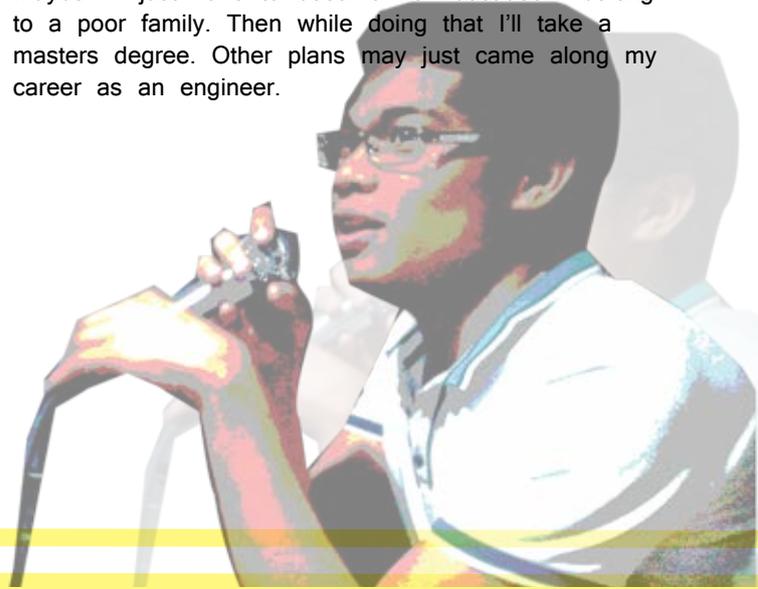
Well it was awesome. I became an important person for a week. However topping the board exam should not be too much celebrated by anyone. It doesn't measure the graduate's knowledge in the field of engineering. Some people may just be good at guessing(-like me :))), others reviewed for almost a year (like other schools). And I think that topping the board exam is also like betting on lottery, which means you're just maybe lucky in topping the board exam.

d. Any advice for EEEI students who will be taking board exams?

Advice they don't need advice. I think every EEEI student have all the necessary tools in passing/topping the board exam. Actually I do not belong to intelligent and diligent ones but when I was reviewing for the board exam, I can easily recall the things taught in the review center, because it was taught by my professors very well.

e. Future plans

Maybe I'll just have to become rich because I belong to a poor family. Then while doing that I'll take a masters degree. Other plans may just come along my career as an engineer.



**MARK
BRIAN
DASTAS [89.75%]**

**How do you prepare for the Board Exam?
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encountered while preparing for the Board exam?**

I prepared for the board exam by studying the hand-outs given by our review center. After each study session, I always make it a point to summarize and re-write through memory all the things I learned for the day.

[As for the challenges:] since there are a lot of subjects to master, time-management is important. Before the week starts, I always prepare my plan of study and I make sure that I follow it religiously

