

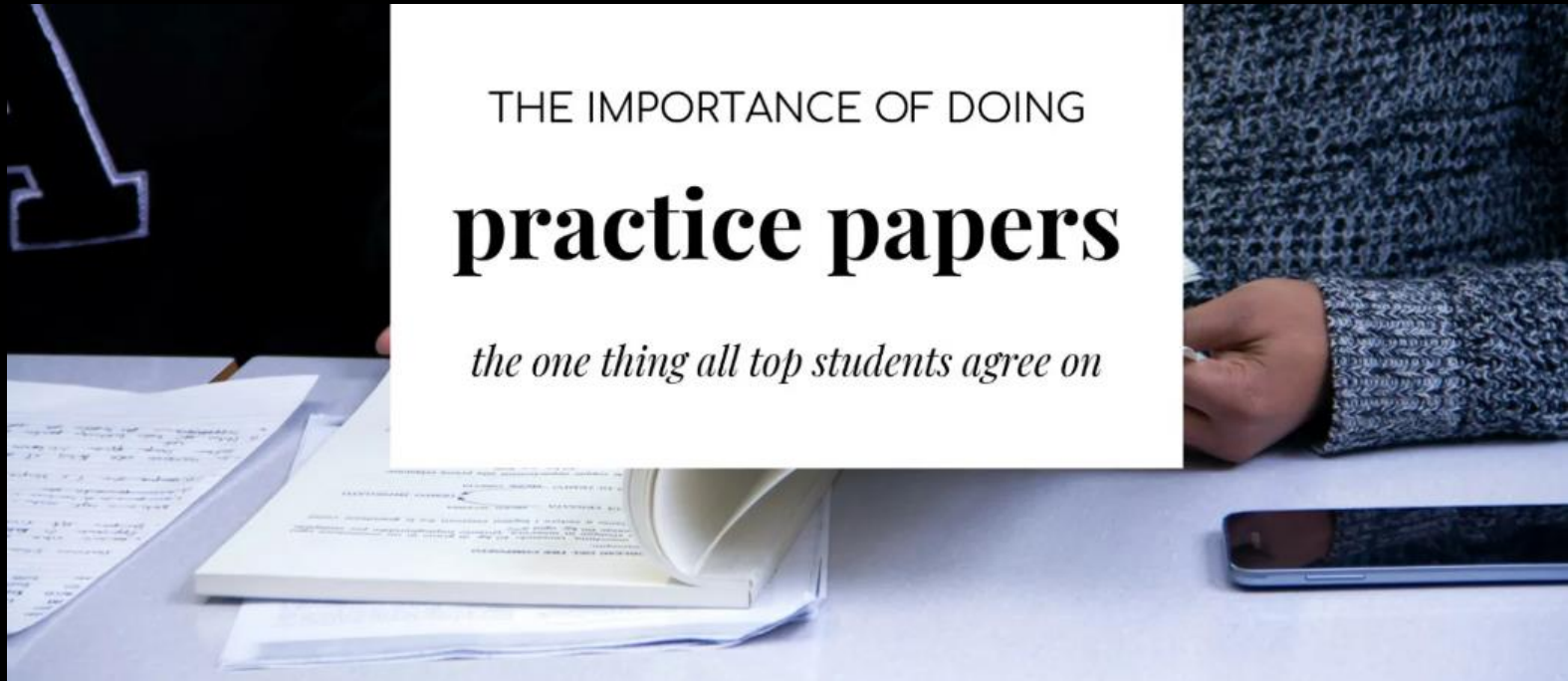
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THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING

practice papers

the one thing all top students agree on





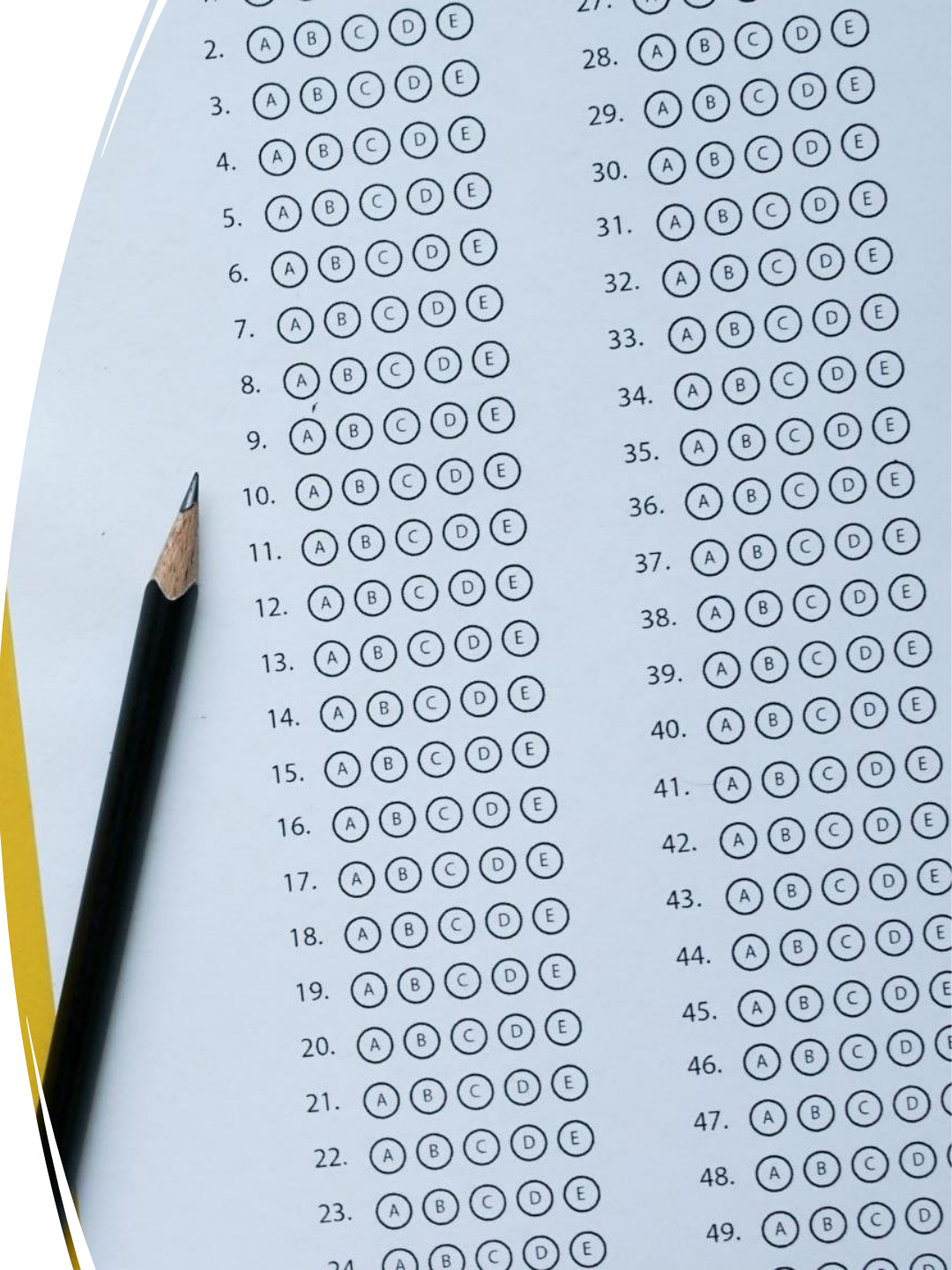
Why bother?

- One of the most **underrated and powerful** strategies when revising is to do practice papers ***and to do lots of them.***
- It is not enough just to read over notes or make flashcards or revision notes.
- At the end of the day, you will be sitting a paper for your exam so that is what all this revision is for!

1. Practice papers help you learn how to apply knowledge to questions.
 2. Practice papers teach you how to phrase your answers in a concise and effective way.
 3. They are also good for helping you practice your timings for the real exam
- It is 50% about knowing stuff and 50% about applying it.

Where do I find them?

- Exam board websites
- Google Classrooms
- Make sure they are for your specification and exam board
- Be wary of finding past papers on non exam board websites



1) Read them!

- Get used to the layout
- The language
- The styles of question
- The marks available



2) Plan them

- Write down what you would include in that answer
- Underline the key words in the question
- Verbally plan with a partner



3) Do a paper
with some
help

- Answer the
questions but
using your
revision
notes/textbooks
etc



4) Do a paper without help

- Do the paper to time
- This will really test what you do and don't know
- Show them to your teachers and they may be able to mark them and give some additional advice if they have spare time



5) Create your own questions


Look at the revision list, look at the styles of question and make your own!

E.g.

Insert something from your revision list

1. Describe 2 features of.....
2. Explain why.....
3. Explain why was the most important reason why..... happened





6) Read the mark scheme (answer guide)

- It will be on the exam board website with the past paper
- This often gives knowledge you could have included
- It gives you a really good idea of what the examiners are looking for
- Mark your own work or mark it together with whomever is helping you revise to see what you did well and what you need to improve on/what you missed out
- **READ THE EXAMINER REPORTS TOO!** They are telling you what they want from the exam answers

HERE IS A USEFUL VIDEO FROM ELEVATE TO
WATCH IF YOU HAVE TIME

- Remember your exam results are not linked to how smart you are but how smartly you prepared for them

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Na8m4GPqA30>