

Cramming Or Understanding

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Hello Candidates, it's been a while since we have a class session on academic advice, I could remember that our last interaction on academic advice was [how to read and understand](#), our today's interactive session is on "Cramming And Understanding". So here is the question before we proceed "should you be cramming or understanding".

Cramming Or Understanding

As it has already been stated for candidates that to read, you need to understand [how to read](#), when to read, where to read and also what to read, should you be cramming or understanding, you will find out soon, but let get explanation on cramming and understanding.

Cramming

What does cram means or what is cramming?.

Cramming : is the act of memorizing something hastily or quickly or cramming is looking-through or glancing through something in order to acquire the fact fastly.

For example,

A candidate could quickly take a fast glance at a particular line of an article and quickly memorize it.

Let say, you wanted to cram the phrase below:

Noun is a naming words You can quickly cram that phrase above by just looking at it and memorize it in no time, but do you understand what you just cram?

How To Cram

As it has already been explain above what cramming means, now let talk about how to cram, remember that today's academic advice is base on cramming or understanding.

So how to cram:

To cram is an easy task, you will first need to take a deep breath in and out, then take a focused look at what you wanted to memorize.

Let take below definition as an example.

What is concord in English language - below is the definition which you will need to cram or memorize.

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence in reference to the manner in which it should

be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language

Now let try and cram the definition above, remember that you are to cram not understand, so don't mess it up, we will soon get to understand after all, we call the session "Cramming Or Understanding".

So let start cramming,

First thing to determine before cramming a definition is, "how long is the text"

The definition above contains 31 words which is a little bit longer than what can be cram in a jiffy compare to definition "Noun is a naming word" which contains on five words.

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language

Your first approach to cramming the definition above is: draw a line from the beginning of the definition to point where you know you could assimilate.

Every candidates should be able to cram the short text below,

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentenceTo the above text, start right now, start reading the text above, back and forth, like:

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence.....

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Keep doing that until you know you could remember. After that, try the remaining part of the definition:

in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language

The second text above should be easy to assimilate because it contains common words such as "English-language" and it could also be difficult to assimilate because it also contains non-common words "reference".

Hint : Difficult to pronounce or non-common words affect the rate of cramming.

So let cram the second statement and then join it together with the first text.

in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language

Note that you won't cram this one the way you did for the first one, you will repeat the first crammed text and then the un-crammed one immediately after it, so let go.....

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence {repeat twice or thrice} and then immediately the un-crammed text:

in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language.....

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence {repeat twice or thrice} in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language.

Again!!!

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence {repeat twice or thrice} in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language.

Again!!!

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence {repeat twice or thrice} in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language {twice or thrice}.

Now repeat it all together without any brief:

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language {keep repeating to as long as you could remember}.

Now you just cram Concord definition { which you can read fully at [24 rules of concord](#) }.

Now you have know what cramming and how to cram is, let talk about its advantages and its disadvantages.

Advantages Of Cramming

- a] Cramming is easy and fast.
- b] It can be use in any kind of memorizing, from text, equations and even formulae.
- c] Cramming can be performed at any places, any time, and anyhow.
You can cram in the middle of a market.
- d] It is easily accessible, you can cram a minute to examination.
- e] It reduces the typographical error of candidates because you cram the text in accordance to it spelling.
So basically, it reduces mis-spelling during examination.

Disadvantages Of Cramming

a] It is easier to forget what you cram.

b] It reduces intelligence performance of candidates.

c] It encourages laziness of candidates because candidates which is good at cramming will only read {cram} a minute to examination because he knows he will forget easily if he had read earlier.

d] It affects time efficient. A candidate that cram will have to be fully focus during examination because trying to remember what you have crammed during examination is like *they are bringing it in, they are bringing it out*, ones loss of focusness might not be able to re-attain. All this relaxation will be burning your time.

Those are the advantages and disadvantages of cramming, now let talk about understanding. You will soon have answer to "Cramming Or Understanding".

Understanding

What is understanding?

Understanding : is the process of ability to assimilate or comprehend knowledge.

In terms of academic, understanding is the act or process by which candidates assimilate knowledge which is as a result mentally or emotionally process of intelligences.

Now let me explain in plain text:

Understanding, understanding is the act of knowing or having full idea of what something means without further hassle.

For example, let use our previous example:

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language.

I believed you should have crammed the definition above but do you know what the definition mean, well that is where understanding comes in.

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language.

Quickly read that definition again..... have you? Now let break it down.

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence Looking at the text above, {read the text again} "Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence"

What that sentence is saying is that: Concord is the *middle man* or *third party* between elements "to form a sentence"

What the text is saying is that, without concord between elements, a sentence will be meaningless.

What the text is saying is that, concord is what makes the two or more elements in a sentence meaningful.

If you look at the word "**Agreement**" as it is used in the definition above, you will see that concord is not trying to make the elements in sentence to come to an agreement in attending a party but to agree or compile with each other.

For example, I am a boy.

Of course you know what I meant by that, because it make sense, how? Because **I** *agree* or *compile* with **am**, **am** *compile* with **a** and **a** *compile* with **boy**. So the four elements *compile* or *agree* with each other. Do you now understand better? If so or not, let continue with our concord definition example.

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence.

Understanding the above sentence is that, *Concord makes elements to work with each other in a sentence.*

Now the second text:

in reference to the manner in which it should be use to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language.

Understanding the above statement is that, in ways, pattern or procedures in which concord can be used to make elements to compile or agree with each other.

So understanding the full statement can be used to derive the definition below:

Concord is a unit that agree elements together in a sentence in appropriate manner

How To Understand

How to practice understanding or how to understand.

As you already know that to anything, you need to figure out when, where and what you are trying to process because every processes has its own approach.

For example, approach to understanding English-language is different from the approach to Mathematics.

So first thing to determine is what are you trying to understand, it doesn't have to be academic related, "*understanding is everything*", someone may teach you how to operate a computer, in this case, what you will need is understanding.

The next thing to determine is when do you feel comfortable to reading and where. {Silent place is always the best way} although not for everybody, for example, me, I always turn fan on in order to generate background noise. I think I have mention this before during our class session on [how to read](#)

After all what is above, then you need to clear you mind, clear it like your backyard garden.

Clear you mind to the extent that you are not think about anything. Just think that you are not thinking anything and block other intruding voices. Then start understanding.

Look at what you wanted to understand, step by step {be it calculations or definition}, try and get into the action, like you are performing it. For example,

Concord is the agreement between elements of a sentence in reference to the manner in which it should be used to form a sentence or phrase in the use of English-language.

Think like you are concord itself.

Is like you are watching Commando's movie, you don't even know where the movie was shot but you pretend to be in the movie....

All you need to understand is *focusness*.

Now let quickly talk about advantages and disadvantages of understanding.

Advantages Of Understanding

- a) Understanding introduces more ideas to practicing candidates.
- b) Understanding improve efficiency and performances of candidates.
- c) It encourages continuous reading.
- d) Whatever understood can not be easily forget.
- e) Understanding improve the mentality of candidates because the more you practice understanding the chances of improving your *I.Q* {intelligent quotient}
- f) Understanding can be use for any learning, be it academic or non-academic.
A person with full knowledge of understanding is often refer to as a person with common sense.
- g) If you are good at understanding, you won't have serious issue during examination because even if you don't know the answer to the question you will be able to derive a definition by yourself. For example, a candidate good at understanding we able to write 10 advantages of farmers or internet without reading any textbooks or handouts. Also a candidate good at understanding should be able to derived formula from [S.I units](#) without knowing the formula before.

Disadvantages Of Understanding

- a) Understanding cannot be practice anywhere. Silent place is always the best.
- b) Understanding is difficult for low performance candidates although it always yield good results.
- c) It requires time, {it time consuming} and full focusness.
- d) It requires dedication, reading alone is not enough for understanding.

Now it all comes down to the question, "Should You Be Cramming Or Understanding".

Should You Be Cramming Or Understanding?

Now ask yourself,

Should I as a candidate be cramming or understanding? The most answer should be understanding, you should be trying to understand something not cramming but the best answer is **Both**, should you be cramming or understanding, No!!! You should be practicing both.

There is no true debate between cramming or understanding because they both needed each other to be very effective.

Although cramming can be used on it own and so is understanding but combining both together is a very good tactics because if you read both the advantages and disadvantages of both cramming and understanding, you will see that what cramming can achieve, understanding can and vice versa, for example:

You cannot cram a formula but understand it, even if you cram it, you might not be able to use it, so cramming is useless in this sense, same as understanding.

There are somethings that you can't understand but cram, for example, in chemistry there is table called periodic table and there is [first twenty elements](#), you cannot understand first twenty elements but cram it. So basically you need both cramming and understanding to be more efficient in your study. So you should erase the question, "should you be cramming or understanding" from your mind and start practicing both.

Conclusion

As it has already been explained above, the definition, how, advantages and disadvantages on cramming and understanding and even the answer to cramming or understanding. The overall conclusion is, be cramming or understanding, there is no competition between these two guys because **they both needed each other** and performing both always yield fantastic results.

So if you are good at cramming also try and practice understanding and if you are good at understanding, practicing cramming won't hurt, after all, is for greater good and if you are not good at any, start trying both now to see which one is easier for you and then you can start blending to the difficult one.

And that's all, before leaving the page for another class session, why not write a comment on this one, hit the share button and tell your friends.

You can start like this, hi john, are you cramming or understanding? Well, you don't need to debate, I have the answer to it: you should be practicing both, because they both needed each other and if you will like to read more visit waponpoint.com, thanks. See you next time. Wait!!! have you [register](#), if not, please do now, thanks ones again.