



Hints on Studying and Essay Writing

First, read the lesson two or three times. Read CAREFULLY. If you come to a word you do not know, look it up in a dictionary. There is no use reading if you do not understand the words that you are reading. Then, after reading the lesson two or three times, ask yourself the following questions: What are the main points in the lesson? What are the main ideas and concepts that the lesson is trying to get over to me? Remember that each lesson has only a few ideas in it.

Now, you can begin to do the exam questions. But read the questions carefully and THEN begin to write your answer.

Remember that studying is NOT easy. On the contrary, it is often rather hard. It becomes easier as you grow more and more interested in it. Above all, remember the old saying, “ROME WASN’T BUILT IN A DAY.”

Now for a few words on how to go about answering those questions which require a written answer. First, read the directions very carefully. Next, write your answer on a separate sheet of scrap paper. Look over what you have written and make the necessary corrections. Finally, write your answer on the examination. This is the only way to learn to write short, clear and correct answers to essay-type questions. Remember that most college freshmen cannot sit down and write a perfect essay without a mistake of any kind.