NORMAN PRINCE • TEST-PREP, READING & LEARNING IMPROVEMENT Tutoring and Workshops for Individuals and Organizations

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Prince Learning Study and Note-Taking Skills Program Outline

I. Introduction and Assessments

- Remote tutoring available
- Personalize work to meet your needs and goals
- Overview of my exclusive guide showing how to apply the most relevant study and note-taking skills to your work and materials
- Clients self-assess strengths & weaknesses on study, note-taking, reading, and writing skills
- **Analyze** multiple intelligences; learn how to use your strongest intelligences—ways you learn best—to study, learn, remember, and test at higher levels
- Program length: Typically 6-8 hours—three or four 2-hour sessions, ideally a week apart

II. Essential Study Skills

- Concentration improvement: apply tips & techniques from guide to learning environment
- Pre-read for organization: preview texts and non-fiction chapters and books, articles, narrative works, and courses
- Activate background knowledge from coursework, experience, media, work, and travel
- Question all titles, headings, captions, and graphics, and read to answer your questions in your notes
- Ten-step active learning method: includes the 4 steps above and optimizes learning

III. Mental and Physical Preparation

- Anxiety reduction for tests and other stressful situations: Go over article; ASSIGN practice
- Nutritional preparation: Review article, focusing on "brain food" meals and snacks;
 ASSIGN "brain food" journal to track how alert, bright, and "full" you feel after that meal and/or snack

IV. Note Taking from Textbook and Nonfiction Book Chapters

- Structuring textbook and non-fiction chapters—far superior to outlining—example provided
- Marginal notes for textbook and non-fiction chapters— example provided

IV. Note Taking for Entire Books and Courses

- Master structure for complete textbooks and nonfiction books—example provided
- Charting entire courses or programs—notes from written and spoken material—examples provided

V. Note Taking for Narrative Works—Fiction or Biography

- Essential comprehension questions for narrative works—examples provided
- Chapter summaries from novel or biography—examples provided
- Chart for complete novel or biography—example provided

VI. Listening and Note Taking from Spoken Word Presentations

- Effective listening do's and don'ts
- Note taking from lectures, speeches, and presentations—example provided

VII. Strategies for Multiple-Choice Test Question-Types

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