

10 CCIE LAB TIPS

1. Read the entire exam ? now I know everyone is saying that and even Cisco is advising that in their site, but this is one of the important things you need to do before you start configuring as when you start configuring, your mind is set to different mode and you will miss important details.
2. Take Notes - In addition to step 1 you must know to take notes, what I mean you ask yourself?! Well when you read the exam you will probably be thinking "am I wasting my time reading when others are typing and almost finishing their exam" I say NO you are not but because you all stress and your brain is speeding in almost 200mph you will not remember if you will not take notes.
3. Work Your Way UP ? After first two steps are done you are probably 30 min ? 40 min into your exam do not panic, work in a step by step layer 2 to layer 3? 4. Ask The Proctor ? there was in my lab a real nice person that I am sorry I didn't ask for his name but for me his name was Mr. Proctor and whenever I had a question about something that I didn't understand or I thought that it is not well asked then I got up from my seat and went to his desk and ASKED, no shame, If you do not understand ASK that is one of his jobs, Accept for escorting you to the dining room.
5. Don't ASK Dumb Questions ? The Proctor will not give you an answer to your lab question, he will only answer "yes" or "no" format and only if he understands from your question that you know what you are talking about, so do not go and ask "question 1.1 what do you want me to do here" (In CCIE Routing and Switching Practice Labs, Cisco Press book you can see a lot of questions / Answers like that).
6. Be Polite ? the proctor doesn't work for you so be nice, that is the end of proctor candidate relation advice.
7. You Can Jump Back and FWD ? the exam is open to your judgment you can say I will do first security then multicast or I will do IPv6 last
8. Keep Track ? the exam has a lot of questions and sections, you need to write down questions and/or sections you finished, I myself written every question and its points, when done I have marked with "ok" when skipped marked with "later" when I have finished I looked on my paper and made sure I didn't leave any question without "ok"
9. Know How to check ? after every question I did a check to make sure that what they want to work does work, it is not always sufficient to put the commands as some time one section is relying on another and putting the command relating to that question will not work until you add or remove other commands, I hope that is not too confusing, but most of the exam time went in my exam to verification. Also once you go to sections like security that may break other sections, I would go back and verify the sections all over again and if they don't work I know where the problem is, if I didn't check every step it would be hard and more stressful when something would not work at the end.
10. Do not panic ? that is important and for some it is more for others it is less, when you see the exam for the first time do not panic take it and break it into small pieces, and do it one step at a time, if you face a problem skip ahead do not try to solve it for 2hr you can come back to it later.