The comprehensive exam is for three hours, closed-book, and has two questions. Given the time limitation, and you will have to rely on your working knowledge on the topic ranging from theories to policies, this is a general guideline for the exam.

Students should also read original articles referenced in the required readers in preparation for the exam.

**Required Reading/Readers**

   This provides a chronological list of major theories. There is NO need for you to know which theories came out first or later or the exact year. It is more than enough if you understand general social context around when the theories were published/formulated.

   This provides a social context and a big picture kind of explanation. Some of the discussions on theories may be general. A part of discussion may include several theories at one time. However, this book discusses often neglected social context in relation to theories which may in turn influence public policies.

   This books provides more detailed discussion on theories by including chapters by major theorists. This is a good resource to read before you embark on reading the original articles by them.

   Understand basic working units of policy in relation to players, inputs, outputs, outcomes and impacts. This will give you flexibility to formulate a reasonable public policy.

**Suggested Readings**


