Praxis I Reading Tips

**Test Set Up:**

* 50% of the questions deal with comprehension
* 30-40% of the questions ask for the reader to determine the author’s tone or assumptions within the passage.
* A few questions deal with the strengths and weaknesses of the passage and asks the reader to identify specific techniques an author uses to create certain effects in a story.
* Students have two hours to complete the test.

**Tips for Analyzing the Passage and the Questions:**

* Understand the main idea of the material
* Pay attention to the details
* Interpret the implied meaning of the passage.
* Understand the way that the passage was written.
* Understand the author’s attitude about the main idea of the passage (Is he/she angry, happy, sad, nervous, etc. and why?)

**Grasping the Main Idea:**

* What is the main point of this passage?
* How do the different ideas presented in the passage reflect or relate to the main idea?
* What is the author’s attitude toward the main idea?

**Also Remember:**

* For questions asking for the main idea of a passage, eliminate the answers that refer to the less important ideas in the passage.
* Eliminate the choices that are not relevant to the main idea of the passage.
* The correct answer should tell the main idea of the passage without referring to any irrelevant information in the passage.

**Other Tips:**

* Do not try to speed read. The passages are designed so that students have plenty of time to read the passage and answer the questions.
* Do not be afraid to mark on the passages. Underline things that you do not understand or write notes in the margin.
* Do not spend too much time on a question. If you do not know the answer, skip it, and come back to it at the end.