

Exam Day Checklist

For AZ-900 / SAA-C03 / Security+ and similar certification exams (print-friendly)

24 hours before

- Confirm exam time, timezone, and check-in details (link/address, rules).
- Prepare ID/documents, and lay out what you'll take with you.
- If online: test internet, camera/mic; close auto-updates; reboot once.
- Do NOT learn new topics. Do 20 mixed questions + review mistakes only.
- Sleep plan: set a hard stop time and aim for full rest.

Morning of the exam

- Light food + water (no experiments with energy drinks).
- 10–15 min warm-up: 5–10 easy questions or review key notes.
- Arrive / log in 20–30 minutes early.

Just before start

- Online: clean desk, notifications OFF, close extra apps/tabs, phone away.
- Test center: arrive early, ID ready, know where to store belongings.

During the exam (time strategy)

- If stuck > 60–90 seconds: FLAG it and move on.
- Eliminate 1–2 obviously wrong options first, then decide.
- Watch keywords: MOST / LEAST / NOT / EXCEPT / BEST / FIRST.
- Keep pacing: first pass for easy wins, second pass for flagged questions.

Last 10 minutes

- Return to flagged questions, focus on those with clear keywords.
- Double-check any NOT/EXCEPT questions.
- Don't change answers from panic—change only with a concrete reason.