

A+ 220-1201 / 220-1202 Quick Summary

Fast memory refresh for the biggest ideas, traps, and patterns in A+.

Best for 3-5 minute refresh	Focus Patterns and exam traps	Use with Cheat sheet before mock exam
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1. What A+ is really testing

Core 1	Hardware, networking, printers, mobile devices, and support basics.
Core 2	Operating systems, security, troubleshooting workflow, and operational procedures.
Exam rhythm	Read the symptom, identify the layer, pick the safest fix, then validate and document.

2. Must-know patterns

Storage	NVMe is faster than SATA; RAID choices are always about speed, redundancy, or both.
Networking	Know the classic ports cold and separate IP issues from DNS issues from Wi-Fi signal issues.
Security	Least privilege, MFA, malware cleanup flow, and safe data handling appear everywhere.

3. Fast exam traps

Printer vs driver	A physical symptom points to hardware or consumables; only some cases are driver or queue issues.
Permission vs connectivity	Access denied is different from cannot reach the resource.
Document last	Fix first if safe, but always validate and document before closing.