Time Management

- Practicing for a relatively short amount of time on a regular basis always beats spending large amounts of time studying every month or so.
- Long tests are like marathons. It takes time to build stamina.
- Working smart is more important than working fast; the speed will come later.

Just Before the Exam

- Make sure you understand the policies for actually taking the exam. The second time I took the exam, they enforced the rule of not being able to wear anything with a hood, and I was freezing the whole time, which proved to be very distracting. Small things can end up being important, so pay attention.
- Make sure to take care of all administrative work well before the test date. Worrying about where to find the test site, what classroom the test is given in, or if your ticket is printed are all things that add unnecessary stress on test day.
- Go to bed early the night before. There is nothing quite as frustrating on a big exam as not being able to think clearly because you are tired.
- Relax the night before the exam: take a hot bath, watch a movie, leave the study guides behind, give your brain a break.

On the Day of the Exam

- Do a logic game the morning of the test—it really helps to wake up your brain and get your mind into thinking mode.
- Don't pay attention to the people next to you. They have a different exam than you. It doesn't matter how far others are in comparison to you. Pace yourself. How you are doing is the only thing that matters, not anyone else. (Also, if a friend is taking the LSAT, sitting next to him or her may prove even more distracting. At least, I know it was for me.)
- Read everything on the exam very carefully. Details are incredibly important.
- Bring a snack to the testing center (my test went through lunch).
- Be confident in your own preparation and don't get distracted during the test. There will always be that person tapping their pencil and the proctors moving about the room. It is important to stay focused on the task at hand and to not waste any time on distractions during the test.
- CALM DOWN. Life will go on after the LSAT. My first LSAT score reflected how nervous I was going into the exam. Take a deep breath before you go into the examining room and remind yourself that there are much more important things in life than the LSAT!