**1. *Work with your Instructor to achieve the best date.***

He/She will know exactly what your chances are of passing the Driving Test so work with them to help you understand the requirements.Work on the areas you feel vulnerable in but don’t neglect your strong points.Be guided by your Instructor as to when to book your Driving test as he is the expert and will want you to pass just as much as you do so work towards the goal of passing together.

***2. Select the best time for you.***

You will probably have up to 18 different Driving test times to choose from so select the one that works best for you.Are you a morning person or do you prefer afternoons?Remember at certain times of day children might be going to or coming home from school and their minds aren’t always on cars.You might have to put up with them anyway if your Driving test coincides with school holidays.

***3. Mock Driving test.***

Ask your Instructor to conduct a Mock Driving test with you.This should be under test conditions so should help you to know what will be expected of you on the big day.If you pass then allow yourself to be proud but if you fail work on the areas you failed at.Dont be too despondent if you do fail...you haven’t failed the real test.Treat the experience as another learning opportunity.

***3. Test Day.***

On the day of your Driving test try to be as calm as you can.Use the lesson before your Driving test to calm your nerves.Drive around the areas where your Driving test might take place just to familiarise yourself with any last minute changes to the road layouts.Are there any new roadworks that have recently been laid down?Any lorries that are parked up awaiting deliveries that might be slightly problematic?If you feel you might be really nervous have a bottle of water in the car to keep yourself hydrated and breathe slowly and deeply if you feel you might becoming anxious.

***4. Be positive.***

Keep positive.Your Instructor would not have allowed you to book your Driving test unless he thought you wasn’t capable of passing it.Treat it almost as another Driving lesson but just with another Driving Instructor.Be polite with the Driving examiner and expect a bit of chit chat.Its the Driving examiners way of trying to calm you.Answer any questions he may ask you but remain focused on what you are doing.Remember its your Driving test.

***5. Accept the decision.***

Accept the Driving examiners decision whatever it is.Listen to the debrief and make sure your Instructor is allowed to listen too.You cannot change the decision even if you feel it was wrong so just accept it and if it is positive then great ...rejoice!If it isn’t then work with your Instructor to make sure the next one is.

***Good Luck!***