Prepare for the Worst

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People make assumptions

1. Solutions must be written in the space provided in the question paper. If you need more space than what is provided, you may insert a blank page.

2. Solutions must be submitted as a single PDF file no larger than 100MB through the Problem Set Upload activity in cuLearn.
People make assumptions

Clearly spell out

• instructions

• expectations

• consequences
People can’t/don’t read

You must follow all the submission requirements when you submit your solutions for marking. (See the document “Assignment submission requirements” in cuLearn for details.) **Submissions that do not follow all the requirements will receive a deduction of 3 marks.**
People can’t/don’t read

Over-communicate

• course policies

• deadlines
People are deadline-driven
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• Have mini-tasks throughout the week
• Offer grace periods for submissions
People take shortcuts

1 min 27 secs  82.00  vs  27 mins 38 secs  100.00
People take shortcuts

- Have proctored midterm and final exams
- Design “personalized” assignments
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- Use only what works well
- Make deadlines fall within CCS support hours
- Devise a contingency plan
Hope for the best

“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.”

Seneca the Younger
(c. 4 BC - 65 AD)