Go back and look at your strengths and weaknesses from the last exam. Make sure you feel comfortable with the fundamentals. Give yourself a little extra study time if you think you need to brush up on the basics.

This exam asks you to analyze situations and provides calculations based on all the knowledge you have accumulated. There are fewer questions on this exam, but you will be asked to think more deeply about them.

Practice helps with this goal. The more you read, the more comfortable you will become with the format of the vignettes. Highlight patterns you notice in key words and phrases.

Vignettes can be up to 2 pages long so give yourself plenty of time to read. Plan on about 10–20 minutes to read and answer each vignette; the time will vary based on the number of questions that follow the vignette.

These mini case studies have you work through real-world problems and answer six questions related to each of them. Take a quick look at the questions before you read each vignette. This will give you an idea of the subject matter to be covered.