

# ■■ Red Hat EX280 – 3-Hour Exam Time Management Strategy

■ Total Exam Duration: ~3 hours (performance-based, ~15–20 tasks).

■ Phase 1 – First 15 Minutes

- Skim through ALL questions quickly.
- Mark easy tasks you can finish in 5 minutes or less.

■ Phase 2 – First 90 Minutes (Core Tasks)

- Focus on deployments, services, routes, configmaps, secrets, PVCs.
- Complete at least 60–70% of questions by this stage.
- Verify each step with ``oc get``, ``oc describe``, ``oc logs``.

■ Phase 3 – Next 60 Minutes (Medium/Hard Tasks)

- Work on quotas, SCCs, operators, network policies.
- If stuck >5 minutes, skip and return later.

■ Phase 4 – Last 15–20 Minutes (Review & Verify)

- Re-check all namespaces/projects created.
- Run ``oc get all`` in each project to confirm resources.
- Validate routes in browser (if provided).
- Ensure quotas/limits and PVCs are bound.

■ Golden Rules:

1. Save YAML locally as backup before applying changes.
2. Use ``oc explain`` to recall YAML fields if stuck.
3. Always test pod/service connectivity after creation.
4. Don't waste time perfecting – partial credit is awarded.