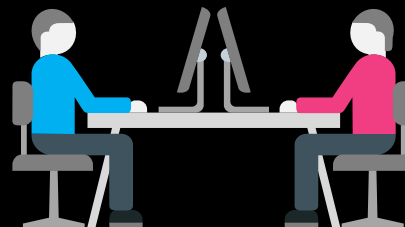
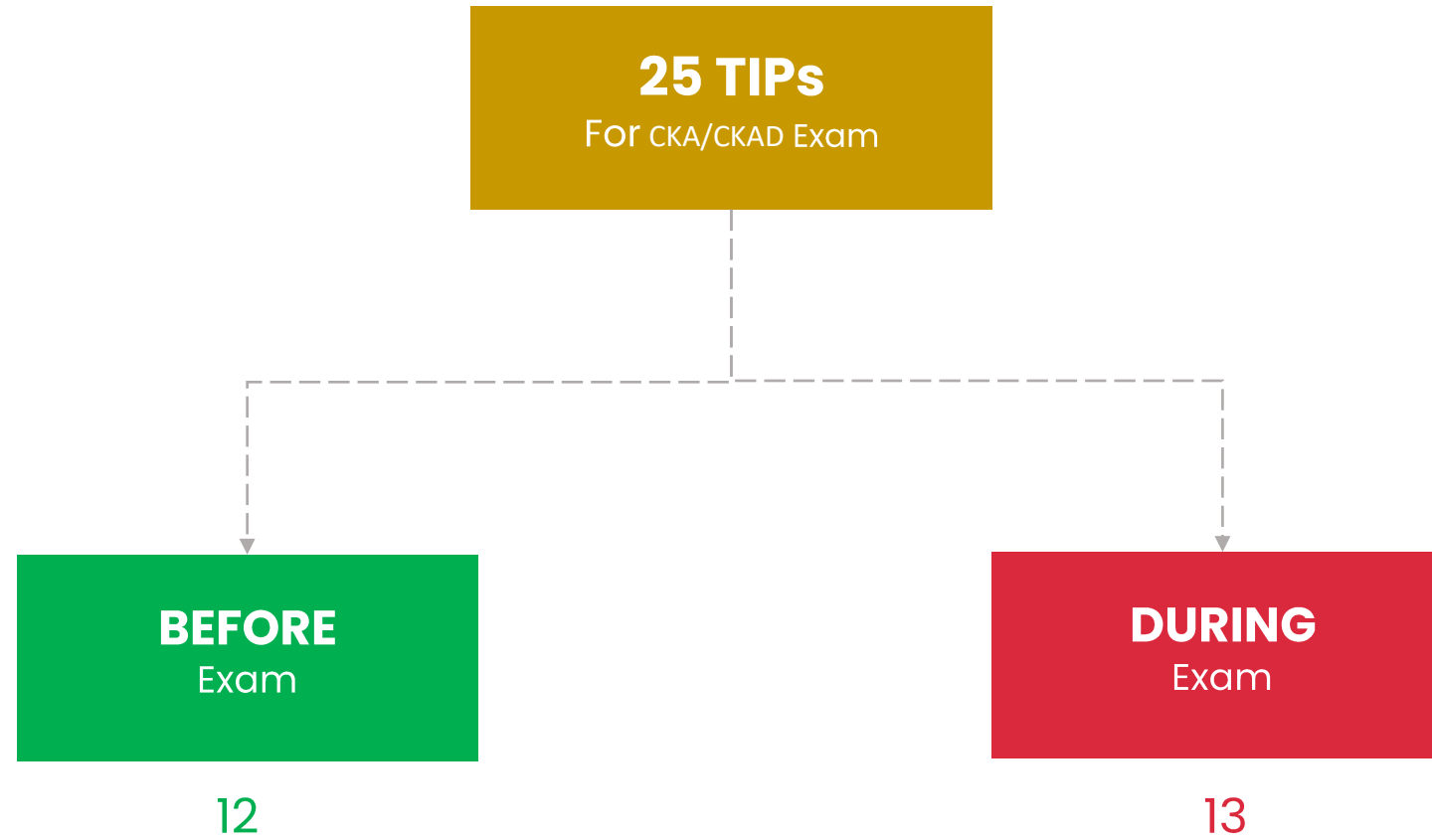




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## For CKA/CKAD Exam





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1. **PREP TIME**

6 Weeks

1-2-3: Understand

4-5: Practice!

6: Exam

2. **SCORE**

100%

80% - 90%

66%

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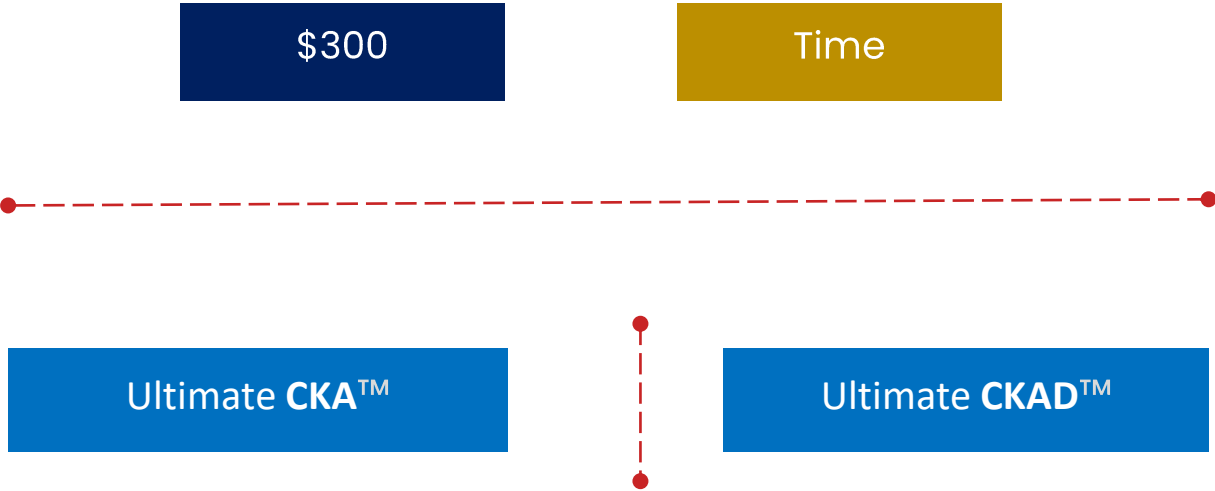
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**BUILD** K8s Practice Cluster

Installing K8s using Kubeadm  
GKE

3 Node K8s Cluster  
1 Master & 2 Workers



Trial

Paid

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## Know the Kubernetes **DOCS**

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/>

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/>

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/>

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/>

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/kubectl/cheatsheet/>

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Track Your **PROGRESS**

CKA Exam Tracker

From the author of "Ultimate CKA" and other Kubernetes courses on Udemy.com

1	1. Cluster Architecture, Installation & Configuration 25%	Kubernetes Architecture	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
2		Installing Kubernetes using Kubeadm	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
3		Pods	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
4		ReplicaSet	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
5		Namespaces	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
6		Upgrading Kubernetes Version	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
7		Managing Highly-Available K8s Clusters	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
8		ETCD	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
9		RBAC	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
10	2. Workloads & Scheduling 15%	Deployments	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
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12		Scaling Applications	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
13		ConfigMaps	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
14		Secrets	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
15		Node-Selectors	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
16		Resource Limits	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
17		Self-Healing	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
18		Manifest Managing & Templating Tools	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
19	3 - Services & Networking 20%	Networking Basics	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
20		CNI	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
21		Connectivity (Pod-To-Pod & More)	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
22		Services	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
23		KubeProxy	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
24		DNS in Kubernetes   CoreDNS & KubeDNS	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
25		Service Discovery	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
26		EndPoints	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
27		Ingress	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
28	4 - Storage 10%	Volumes	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
29		HostPath Volume	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
30		Persistent Storage	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
31		Access Modes   Volume Modes   Reclaim Policy	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
32		GCE Persistent Storage	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
33		Persistent Volume (PV)	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
34		Persistent Volume Claim (PVC)	CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
35		Storage Classes	CKA	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
36		5 - Troubleshooting 30%	Logging	CKA & CKAD
37	Monitoring		CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
38	Troubleshooting Cluster Components		CKA & CKAD	<a href="#">Yet to Start</a>
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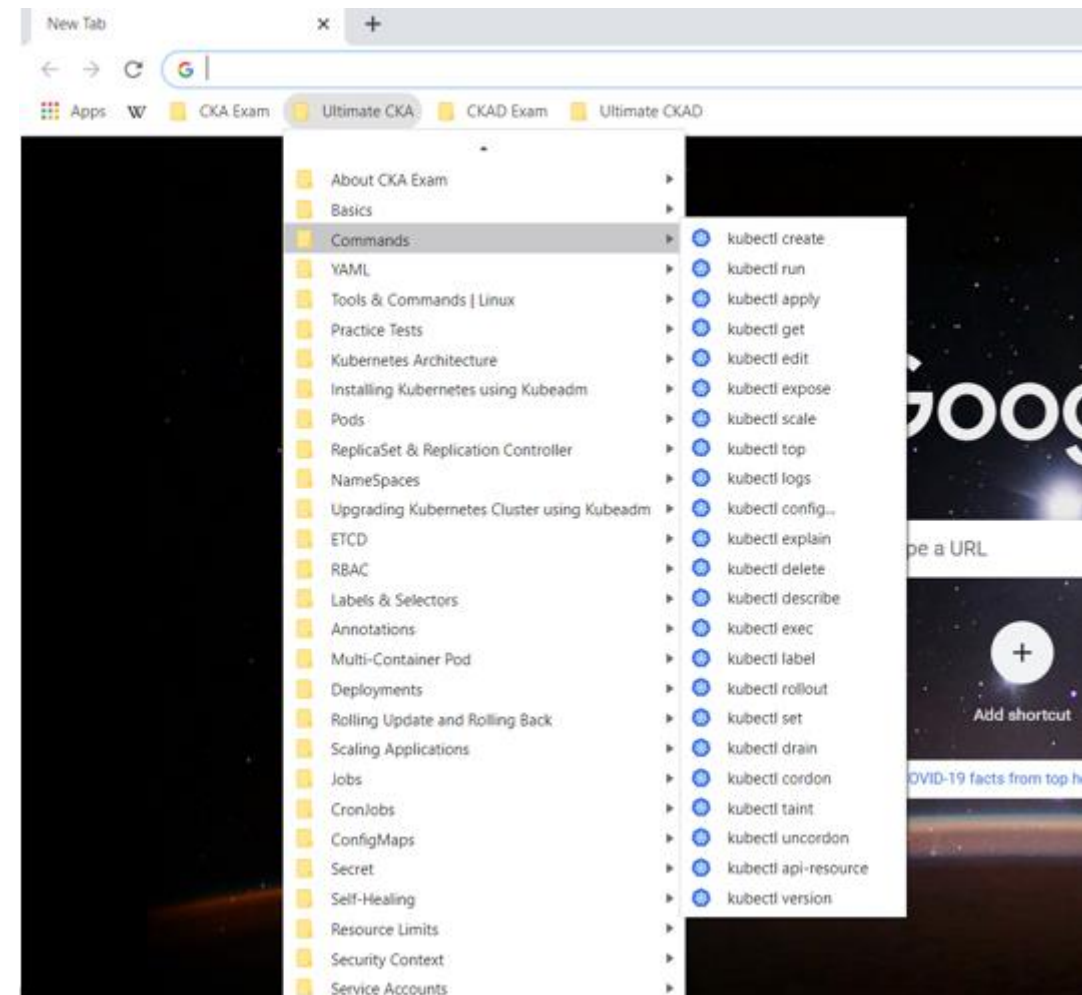
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**Linux Commands** for CKA/CKAD

VIM

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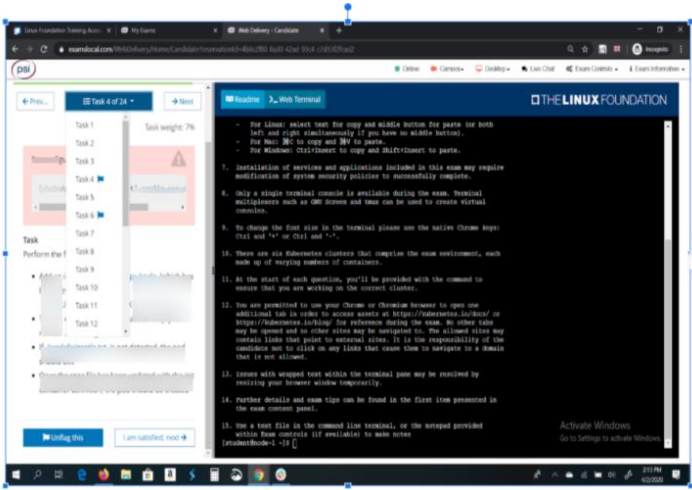
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Exam UI



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Know how the Exam **SCORING** is done

*"There may be more than one way to perform a task on an Exam and unless otherwise specified, the candidate **can pick any available path** to perform the task **as long as it produces the correct result.**"*

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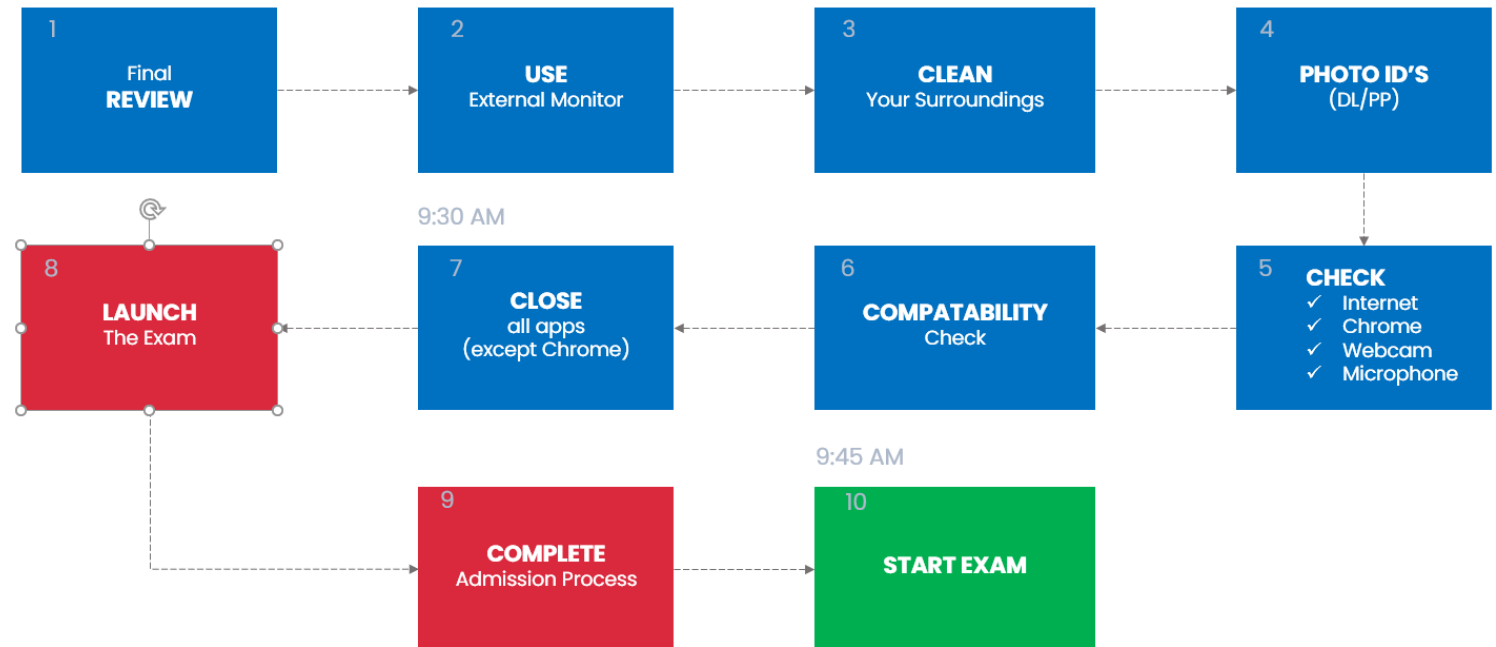
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### 10 Things TO-DO Before You Start CKA/CKAD Exam

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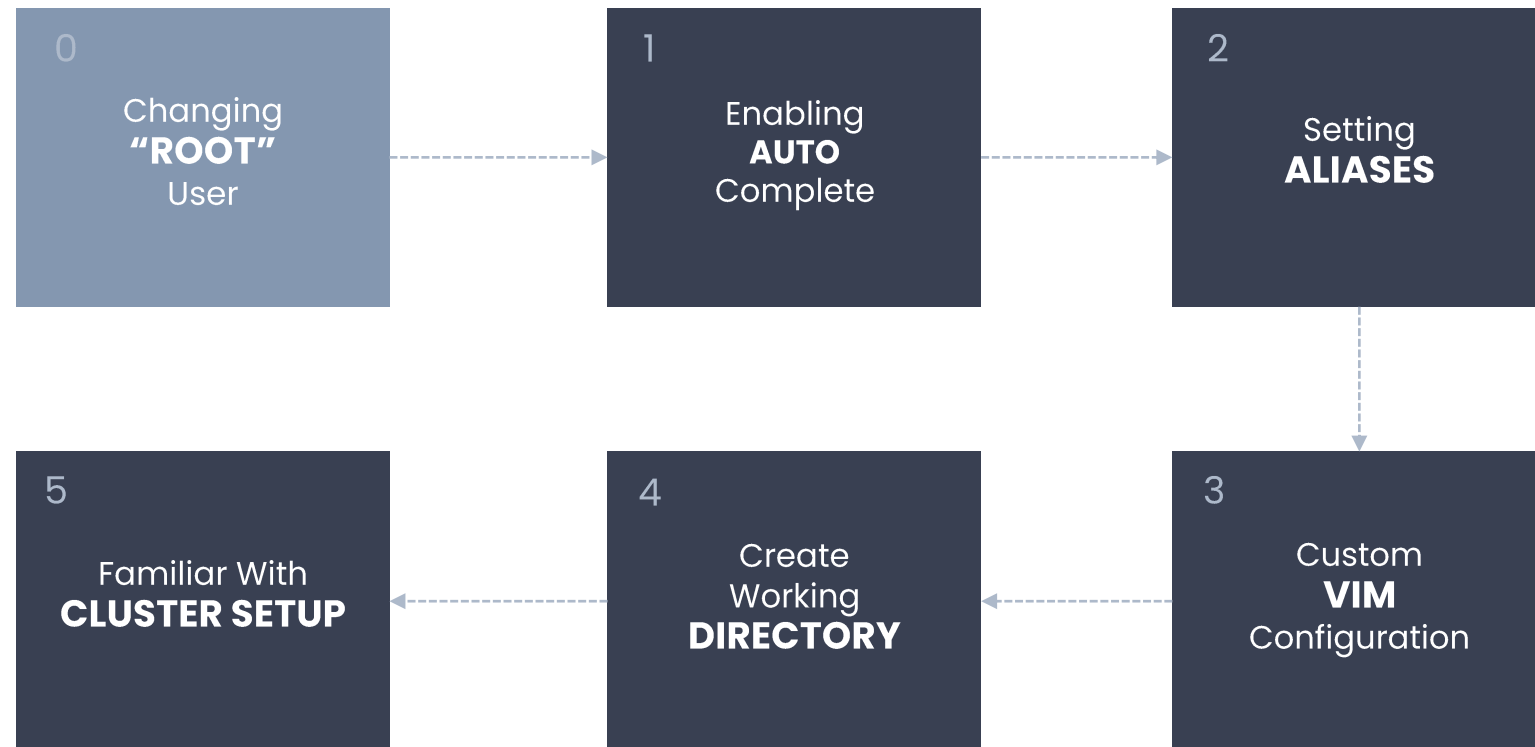
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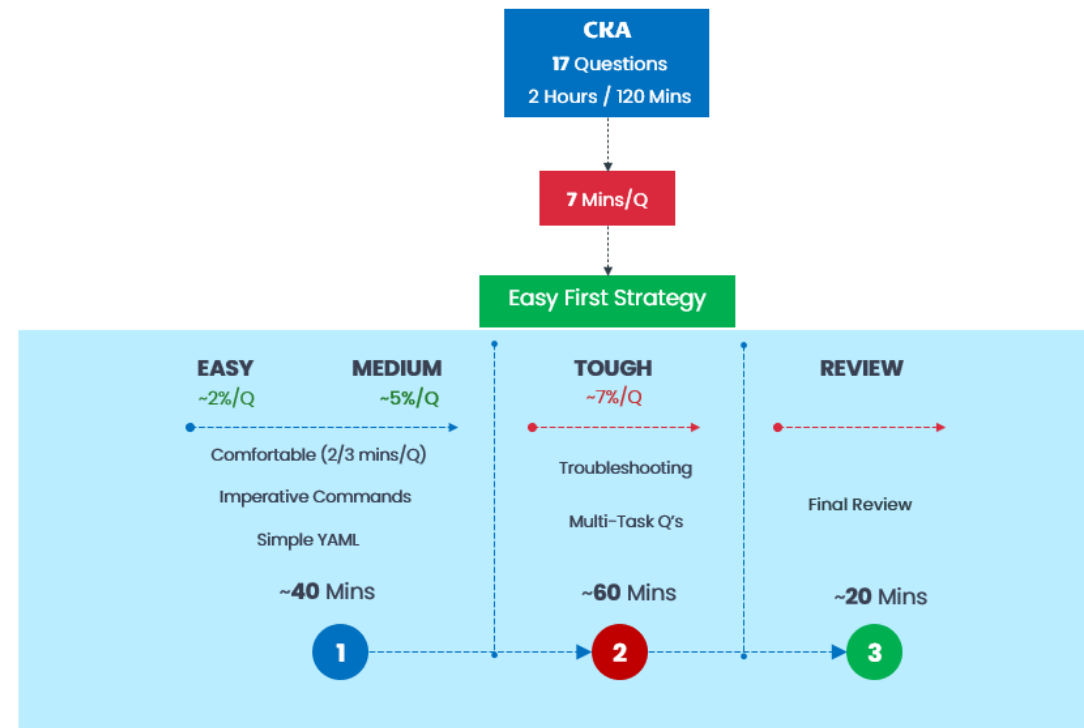
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### Setting the default context to “hk8s-context”

```
kubectl config use-context hk8s-context
```

NOTE: Exact “Context” Command will be provided in the question

### CONTEXT:

1. Cluster-Name
2. NameSpace
3. User Name

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## Use **IMPERATIVE** Commands

### Declaratively

```
# nginx-deploy.yaml
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: nginx-deploy
  labels:
    app: nginx-deploy
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: nginx-deploy
  template:
    labels:
      app: nginx-deploy
    spec:
      containers:
      - image: nginx
        name: nginx
```

### Imperatively

```
kubectl create deploy nginx-deploy --image=nginx
```

### SAME Output

```
kubectl get deploy
```

NAME	READY	UP-TO-DATE	AVAILABLE	AGE
nginx-deploy	1/1	1	1	13s

USE Imperative Commands

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Stop Writing **YAML**. Use "**DRY-RUN**"

```
kubectl create deploy nginx-deploy --image=nginx --dry-run=client -o yaml
```

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
  labels:
    app: nginx-deploy
  name: nginx-deploy
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: nginx-deploy
  strategy: {}
  template:
    metadata:
      creationTimestamp: null
      labels:
        app: nginx-deploy
    spec:
      containers:
      - image: nginx
        name: nginx
        resources: {}
status: {}
```

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### Directory

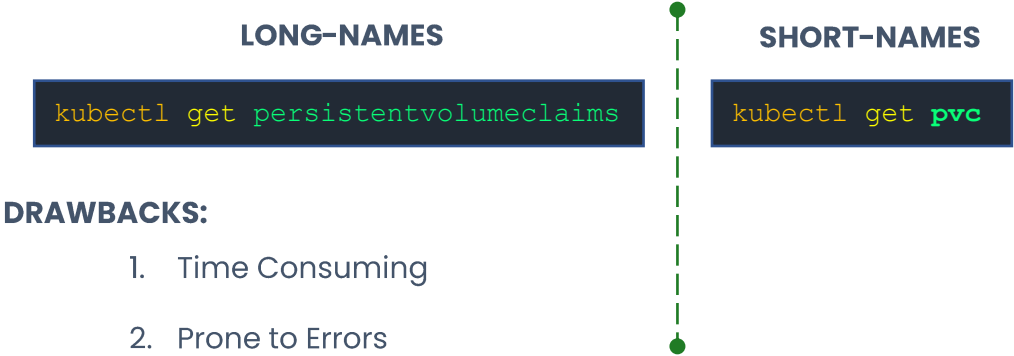
```
srinath@master:~/my-cka-exam$ pwd
/home/srinath/my-cka-exam
```

### Files

```
srinath@master:~/my-cka-exam$ ls
01-pod.yaml  02-deploy.yaml  03-svc.yaml
```

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Use **SHORT** Resource Names



LONG	SHORT
pods	po
replicaset	rs
deployments	deploy
services	svc
namespaces	ns
networkpolicies	np
persistentvolumes	pv
persistentvolumeclaim	pvc
serviceaccounts	sa

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## Know How to use "HELP" & "EXPLAIN"

### Help

```
kubectl --help
```

```
kubectl create --help
```

```
kubectl create svc --help
```

```
kubectl create svc clusterip --help
```

```
kubectl create svc clusterip --help | grep -i examples -A20
```

### Explain

```
kubectl explain [resource-type]
```

```
kubectl explain deployment --recursive
```

```
kubectl explain deployment.spec.strategy
```



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## Use **ROOT** Access

### Need **ROOT** Access For (Ex):

1. Installing software Apps
2. Creating / Updating Services

```
student@base-node: sudo su -
```

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Use **"FORCE"** Delete

```
kubectl delete [resource-type] [resource-name] --force
```

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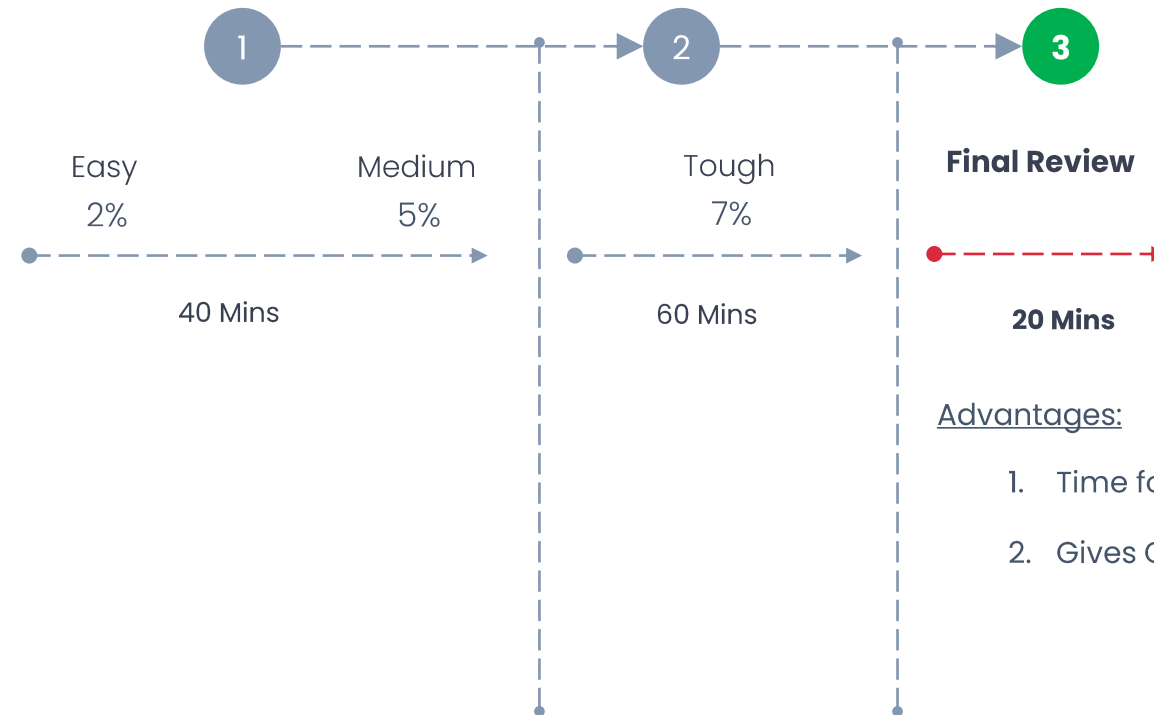
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