

How to prepare for the Oral Qualifer

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Is the following statement a good advice on how to prepare for the oral qualifer exam?

Take a recent article in a math journal [in the topic of your qualifer]. If you can follow it and be able to "fill in between the lines" with rigor, then you're ready.

This statement tells me that the qualifer is about understanding the basics of your subjects and be able to prove them. For the more advanced theorems, only examples (and counterexamples where the theorems fail) are needed to know.

Is this sound advice?

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