

ANALYZE YOUR EXAM RESULTS

One way to analyze your past performance on exams (and homework) is to review each question and ask yourself, “Why did I get this question wrong?” Write the question number) beside the reason below that best explains why you missed that question.

Here is a helpful chart to follow long as you analyze Exam Results:

Mastery of Information & Concepts _____ I didn't know the information. _____ I didn't know this topic in enough detail. _____ I couldn't remember. _____ I remembered, but it was fuzzy. _____ I don't know how to solve this type of problem.	Thinking Gap _____ I used the wrong formula, variable, or value. _____ I didn't know what the question was asking. _____ I read the question wrong. _____ I didn't choose the best answer.
Method of Test Taking _____ I didn't have time to finish the exam. _____ I read the directions wrong. _____ I reasoned my way into the wrong answer. _____ I changed a correct answer to the wrong one during my review of the test. _____ I made a mistake transferring the answer to the answer sheet.	Reaction to Test Taking Situation _____ I became nervous during the exam & missed several questions in a row. _____ I missed most of the _____ (type) questions. _____ I got distracted by other people's actions during the exam.

Now, add up your results in each category. Where did you make your mistakes?

Add in point total summary like the Exam Prep Assessment doc. Into

Summary:

Mastery of Information & Concepts and Thinking Gap

- Mistakes in the first two categories tend to indicate that you could work more on your exam preparation strategies, i.e. things you need to do **before** the exam. See the “Exam Prep Self-Assessment” handout for more information.

Method of Test-Taking and Reaction to Test-Taking Situation

- Mistakes in the last two categories tend to indicate that you could focus some attention on your test-taking strategies, i.e. things you need to do **during** the exam. See the “Test-Taking Tips” and “Talking Yourself Through Test Anxiety” handouts for more information.