

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?” Make a mark (or write the question number) beside the reason below that best explains why you missed that question.

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, tally your results in each category. Where did you make your mistakes?

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.

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