

Test strategies: Test reflection

Didn't perform well on an exam? Use this toolkit to reflect on what went wrong and how you can improve for next time!

Use the following table to reflect on what you struggled with on your last exam. List the test question(s) (#) you missed to the left and place a checkmark in the column that best describes the reason you answered the question incorrectly. Then, add up the number of checks in each column to determine what factors most affected you.

	Insufficient information:							Careless mistakes:					Lack of test strategies:					
Test question (#) missed	I did not read the textbook thoroughly.	The information was not in my notes.	I studied the information but could not remember it.	I knew the main ideas but needed the details.	I knew the information but couldn't apply it.	I studied the wrong information.	Missed or didn't understand the vocabulary/ terms.	Answer did not match the essay directive/ key word.	I was unable to keep up with my reading or assignments.	I made careless mistakes- I knew the correct answer.	I changed a correct answer to a wrong one.	I misread the directions.	I misread or misunderstood the question.	I wrote an incomplete response.	I did not notice a double-negative statement.	I did not eliminate obviously incorrect choices.	I did not notice limiting words.	I made poor use of the time provided.
# of missed items																		



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Based on where you struggled the most, try some of the following approaches to improve for your next exam:

Consider completing the following BEFORE your exam:

- Read and mark your textbook.
- Create notes based on lecture and the textbook.
- Prepare a study guide.
- Ask questions when you need help.
- Attend student support hours, Supplemental Instruction, or tutoring sessions.
- Attend all lectures.

Consider completing the following DURING your exam:

- Glance through the exam before doing any work.
- Read the instructions carefully.
- Ask for clarification of unclear questions.
- Underline keywords in questions.
- Skip hard questions and return to them later.

★ *What else can you do to better prepare for next time?*



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