

# Error Analysis: Reflecting on your last

## Part 1: How did you Study for the Exam?

- 1. Which part of the exam was easiest for you? Why?
- 2. Which part of the exam was most difficult? Why?
- 3. Activities completed prior to exam (answer 'yes' or 'no'):
  - a. All required reading assignments
  - b. Review of lecture notes
  - c. Make study sheets from reading and lecture notes
  - d. Self-testing/reciting of material
  - e. Prediction of possible questions
  - f. Study with friends
  - g. Other:\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Which of the above did you find most helpful in preparing for this exam?

5. How many hours did you spend preparing for the exam? On how many different days did you study?

6. Did you feel prepared when you walked into the exam? Why or why not?

7. How might you study for the next exam in this course differently than you studied for this exam

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## Part 2: Identify the Problems You Had with the Exam

#### **Reflecting on your entire exam:**

- 1. Write the number of each item you missed in the top row of the chart.
- 2. Check each sentence that fits the missed question.
- 3. Total the checks in each row.

4. Look at the sentences with the highest totals and decide what you can do to get a better test score next time.

| Question Incorrect #                                 |  |  |  | Totals |
|--|--|--|--|--------|
| Insufficient Information                             |  |  |  |        |
| The information was not in my notes.                 |  |  |  |        |
| I studied the information but could not remember it. |  |  |  |        |
| I knew the main ideas but not details.               |  |  |  |        |
| I knew the information but could not apply it.       |  |  |  |        |
| I studied the wrong information.                     |  |  |  |        |
| I did not read the text thoroughly.                  |  |  |  |        |
| Test Anxiety   |  |  |  |        |
| I spent too much time daydreaming.                   |  |  |  |        |
| I was so tired I could not concentrate.              |  |  |  |        |
| I was so hungry I could not concentrate.             |  |  |  |        |
| I panicked.  |  |  |  |        |
| I experienced mental block.                          |  |  |  |        |
| Test Skills  |  |  |  |        |
| I misread the directions.                            |  |  |  |        |
| I made poor use of the time provided.                |  |  |  |        |
| I wrote poorly organized responses.                  |  |  |  |        |
| I wrote incomplete responses.                        |  |  |  |        |
| I changed a correct answer to a wrong one.           |  |  |  |        |

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#### Reflecting on a specific exam question:

- 1. Select a question you answered incorrectly.
- 2. Write or discuss: why was your answer incorrect?
  - a. Was it brand new information? Is it something you do not remember learning?
  - b. Was the answer connected to the question, but not answering the exact question asked?
  - c. Was your answer partially, though not completely, correct?
  - d. Did you misread the question?
  - e. Did you calculate an answer incorrectly (as in mathematics)?
  - f. Was your answer completely disconnected from the question being asked?
- 3. Write down why the correct answer was correct.

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