Analyzing a graded exam can help you understand why you missed questions. It can also help you identify areas to strengthen.

Write the number of each test question that you missed in the appropriate blank. You may need to mark more than one reason for missing the question.

**Insufficient Information**
- I did not read the textbook or other required readings thoroughly.
- The information was not in my notes.
- I studied the information but I could not remember it.
- I knew the general idea but I needed a deeper understanding of the material.
- I knew the information but I could not apply it.
- I studied the wrong information.
- I recognized concepts but could not recall detailed information.

**Test Anxiety**
- I felt so much pressure that I froze.
- I experienced mental block.
- I spent too much time daydreaming.
- I was too tired to concentrate.
- I was too hungry to concentrate.
- I panicked.

**Lack of Test Skills**
- I carelessly marked a wrong choice.
- I didn’t eliminate grammatically incorrect choices.
- I didn’t choose the best choice.
- I didn’t notice limiting words (all, always, none, never, etc.).
- I changed a correct answer to a wrong answer.
- I misread the directions.
- I misread the question.
- I made poor use of the time provided.
- I wrote poorly organized responses.
- I wrote incomplete responses.
- I didn’t use precise language.
- I didn’t know how to work through or reason out the answer.

**Other Reasons**

Which reasons explain your errors? Did any patterns emerge? What study approaches might have enabled you to get more correct answers. If you lost points on an essay, how you could have avoided that? What other factors affected your performance on this test? How do you feel about your grade on this exam?

Be sure to correct your answers and save the exam. Corrected exams are excellent review for cumulative finals. For each error, highlight the place in your notes where that information is included (or should have been included).