

Examining Returned Tests

Test Taking

What do you do when a test is returned to you?

Do you throw it away?

Do you file it away, never to look at it again?

Or do you examine it carefully?

A review of your test provides information about both your study and test-taking skills. It helps you decide which of your study and test-taking strategies work and which do not. Use this information to improve future test performance and reduce the stress of taking another exam in the same course.

The table on the back provides a form for examining your test paper. To complete this worksheet, list each item you missed in the top row. Then mark an X by the description that best explains why you missed a question. Sometimes you will mark more than one reason for a question. Next, add the number of X's by each reason. These numbers indicate the areas of study and test-taking strategies that need more attention.

