Top 10 Reasons to Review a Returned Test

Objective: *To understand how reviewing returned tests is an important stage of the learning process*

❖ **Check the point total** to make sure it is right. Look for mistakes in grading. You never know, you may find a few missing points!

❖ **Know what questions you missed** and **why you missed them**. The reason you missed the question is often as important in taking your next test as the answer.

❖ **Study the instructor's comments**, especially for essay questions, so that you will know what is expected next time.

❖ **Look at the types of questions** the instructor likes to use so that you can look out for them on your next test and have an idea what kind of test the instructor might give next time.

❖ **See if the questions came from the text or the lecture**. Concentrate more on that source when studying for your next exam.

❖ **Correct and understand what you missed**. This is information you need to know and it may appear on a later test or the final.

❖ **Analyze the type of problems you missed** so you can **review strategies** that are more effective for that type of question.

❖ **Put information back into long term memory** by reviewing your test. You want to ask questions while the test is "fresh."

❖ **Review how you studied for the exam**. Look for better ways. See what areas you studied well or did not concentrate on enough.

❖ **Talking to your professor after a test** will let them know that you want to improve. Always go in with specific questions or topics to cover.

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