



Peru State College
 CATS: Center for Achievement and Transition Services

Post-Test Analysis

Evaluating your test will help you identify areas of growth and help you create a better game plan for the next test. It is crucial that you learn from your mistakes and create solutions to overcome those challenges next time. And the single best tool to help you study for the next test is the previous test. Analyzing the previous test provides clues about the kind of test formatting and level of thinking required on the next test.

Instructions

1. Consider the seven, common, point-losing issues below.
2. Estimate the number of points you lost on your last test for each problem area.
3. Analyze and identify (column 3) the causes contributing to the problem area(s). Circle all that apply.
4. Describe the solution you will implement as you prepare for the next test.

Problem Points Lost Analysis

Problem	Points Lost	Analysis of Cause
<p>Problem 1: I didn't study some of the information or skills covered on the test.</p> <p>SOLUTION:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didn't attend class • Inadequate/incomplete review • Tried to cram • Lecture notes inadequate • Didn't complete reading assignments • Didn't do practice problems • Unable to identify major concepts • Did not review notes regularly • Didn't take time to self-quiz • What else?
<p>Problem 2: Although I studied the information and skills covered on the test, I missed several questions and/or did not understand what the instructor was asking for in the question.</p> <p>SOLUTION:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used too few study tools • Studied too narrowly • Didn't self-quiz • Didn't make associations or connections • Didn't try to learn material in multiple forms • Too little time studying • Tried to rely on memorizing only • Didn't recognize material referred to • Never verbalized or visualized material • What else?

<p>Problem 3: I wasn't good at answering the type of questions on the test.</p> <p>SOLUTION:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didn't review strategies in textbook for specific types of test questions • Talked negatively to self • Haven't practiced constructing and answering specific types of questions • What else?
<p>Problem 4: I didn't follow the directions.</p> <p>SOLUTION:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didn't listen while instructor reviewed test • Didn't circle/underline instruction words • Didn't check over the test before turning in • Didn't answer the whole question if it had more than one part • What else?
<p>Problem 5: I ran out of time and lost points for questions I could have answered.</p> <p>SOLUTION:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failed to set and stick to time limit for each section of test • Don't know how to make a time budget • Bugged down with harder questions • Failed to apply/ask for authorized accommodations • I got to the test late • What else?
<p>Problem 6: I knew the answers but made careless mistakes.</p> <p>SOLUTION:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didn't allow time to proofread • Overlooked instructions • Didn't read instructions • Allowed distractions to disrupt focus • Did not allow enough time for some questions • What else?

<p>Problem 7: I panicked and was too stressed to answer questions, even some which I knew the answers.</p> <p>SOLUTION:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacked “test confidence” • Knew my studying was inadequate • Didn’t know material really well • Tried to cram • Pulled an all-nighter • Haven’t dealt with test anxiety • Listened to negative self-talk • Didn’t self-quiz • Didn’t have a test-smart plan • Regretted not going to tutoring • Have a lot going on in my personal life right now • What else?
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