

A Dozen Reasons to Review a Returned Test

- Check the point total to make sure it is right. Look for mistakes in grading.
- 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 for kinds of questions and tricky questions that the instructor likes to use.
- See if the questions came from the text or the lecture. Concentrate more on that source for the next exam.
- Correct and understand what you missed. This is information you need to know. It may appear on a later test or the final.
- Analyze the type of problems you missed so you can review strategies for that type of question.
- Review to get an idea what kind of test the instructor might give next time.
- Review to put information back into long term memory.
- You want to ask questions while the test is "fresh."
- Review how you studied for the exam. Look for better ways.
- Reviewing gives you a good reason to talk to your professors and let them know you want to improve.

Reference:

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