**Simplified Exam Autopsy Worksheet**

An “exam autopsy” is a great tool that can help you understand why you missed questions on your exams. The information will help you plan and make changes for future exams.

Course: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of exam: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Predicted grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Actual grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ % of total course: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions: Review your exam. List the questions you missed. Check the column that best describes the reason you missed the questions. Identify the factors most affecting you. Plan solutions to improve performance on the next test.**

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| Question Profile | | | Reason the Answer was Incorrect | | | |
| Question missed | # Points Lost | Type of Question | Carelessness | Material Unfamiliar | Test Anxiety | Test Taking Skills |
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Type of question: MC (multiple choice), T/F (true/false), ESS (essay)

Carelessness: misread or misunderstood the directions or question, wrote an incomplete answer, missed the double negative

Material Unfamiliar: did not read the text book, information not in my notes, couldn’t remember, knew main idea but not details, studied the wrong information, missed vocabulary, answer off topic

Test Anxiety: mental block, tired during exam and couldn’t concentrate, panicked during the exam

Test Taking Skills: did not eliminate obviously incorrect choices, did not notice limiting words, poor use of time, ran out of time