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EXAM AUTOPSY

Course:_____ **Exam Date:** _____

Directions:
1. List the questions and #'s for each item missed on the exam.
2. Place a check in the column that best describes the reason you answered the item incorrectly.
3. Total the number of checks in each column to determine what factors most affected you.
4. Review possible solutions for test errors.

	Insufficient Information								Test Anxiety				Careless Mistakes						Lack of Test Wisdom					Other			
Test Item Missed	I did not read the text book thoroughly.	The information was not in my notes.	I studied the information but could not remember it.	I knew the main ideas but needed the details.	I knew the information but couldn't apply it.	I studied the wrong information.	Missed or did not understand the vocabulary/terms.	Answer did not match the essay directive/key word.	I experienced mental block.	I was tired during the test and couldn't concentrate.	I was hungry during the test and couldn't concentrate.	I panicked during the test.	I made careless mistakes – I knew the correct answer.	I changed a correct answer to a wrong one.	I misread the directions.	I misread or misunderstood the question.	I wrote an incomplete response.	I did not notice a double-negative statement.	I did not eliminate obviously incorrect choices.	I did not choose the best answer choice.	I did not notice limiting words.	I made poor use of the time provided for the test.	I ran out of time/ did not budget my time appropriately.				
Number of Items Missed:																											

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