## Inventory of Test-taking Skills

### In PREPARATION for the unit test, did you...

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- maintain a positive attitude?     |    |
- make a study schedule?            |    |
- know the exam’s format (e.g. multiple choice, essay)? |    |
- use both your notes and text, separately and together? |    |
- make a study guide?               |    |
- predict test questions?           |    |
- practice recall of information?   |    |
- (if math) practice as many problems as possible and/or take an old test? |    |
- attend the class period immediately preceding the test? |    |
- get a good night’s rest and eat well-balanced meals? |    |
- plan a final review the day of the exam? |    |

### DURING for the test period, did you...

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- survey the entire test and start with the easiest questions? |    |
- read the directions carefully? |    |
- recall the correct answer after carefully reading the stem of a multiple choice question? |    |
- outline the answer to an essay question? |    |
- review the entire test before turning it in? |    |

### AFTER for the test, did you...

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- reward yourself? |    |
- note the kinds of questions you missed? |    |

Now analyze your answers to the above questions. To which questions did you respond with “no?” How can you improve your performance in that area?

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