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FREE RESOURCE — WORKSHEET

Exam Error Log

Log every mistake from practice questions by type, find your patterns and turn them into a short fix list that actually changes your next score.

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ERROR TYPES	LOG ENTRIES	TALLY PAGE	MISTAKES ON THE CARD

ERROR TYPES · PATTERNS · FIX LIST · RETEST

PREPARED BY	CATEGORY	EDITION	LATEST VERSION
BrightStudy	Exam preparation	2026, A4 PDF	brightstudy.ai/resources/exam-error-log

What is inside

The fastest way to raise a score is to stop making the mistakes you already make. Most students never find out what those are, because they mark a paper, feel bad, and move on. This log records every lost mark with its cause, so after three or four papers a pattern appears: perhaps a third of your losses are misread command words, or you lose the last question to time every time. The log includes a classification guide, a tally page that makes patterns visible, and a fix-list page where each pattern becomes one concrete change.

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WHO IT IS FOR

Students doing practice questions and past papers in any subject, especially those whose scores have plateaued.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Error classification guide with examples of each type
- Log pages for 60 entries with cause, marks lost and fix
- Tally page that shows which error types cost the most
- Fix list: one change per pattern, with a retest date
- Top-three mistakes card to cut out and read before each exam

01

Error types

Every lost mark has a cause. Classify it honestly; "careless" is only correct if you knew the method and knew the fact.

CODE	TYPE	LOOKS LIKE	TYPICAL FIX
K	Knowledge gap	Did not know the fact, formula or definition	Flashcard it; add the topic to spaced review
U	Understanding	Knew the facts but could not apply them to the question	Work through explained examples; ask a teacher or tutor to explain it a different way
C	Command word	Described when asked to explain; no judgement in an evaluate	Underline command words; use the command-word reference
M	Method / working	Right idea, wrong steps, missed units, no working shown	Practise the method five times with the scheme open; write units first
T	Time	Ran out of time; rushed the last question	Minutes-per-mark plan; move on at the finishing time
R	Careless	Knew it, misread it, miscopied it, skipped a part	Slow down on reading; tick each part of multi-part questions

02

Error log (page 1)

DATE	PAPER / QUESTION	WHAT I DID	WHAT THE SCHEME WANTED	TYPE	MARKS LOST	FIX

03
Error log (page 2)

DATE	PAPER / QUESTION	WHAT I DID	WHAT THE SCHEME WANTED	TYPE	MARKS LOST	FIX

04

Error log (page 3)

DATE	PAPER / QUESTION	WHAT I DID	WHAT THE SCHEME WANTED	TYPE	MARKS LOST	FIX

05

Tally and fix list

After every three papers, count the entries of each type and the marks they cost. Then write one fix per pattern.

TALLY

TYPE	ENTRIES (PAPERS 1-3)	MARKS LOST	ENTRIES (PAPERS 4-6)	MARKS LOST	ENTRIES (PAPERS 7-9)	MARKS LOST
K						
U						
C						
M						
T						
R						

FIX LIST

PATTERN	ONE CONCRETE CHANGE	RETEST DATE	TALLY AFTER RETEST

TOP-THREE MISTAKES CARD (COPY ONTO AN INDEX CARD; READ BEFORE EACH EXAM)

1.

2.

3.

Keep going

BRIGHTSTUDY

This resource covers the part of studying that happens away from a screen. BrightStudy does the rest: upload your notes, slides or recordings and it turns them into Study Docs, flashcards and exam-style questions, then schedules your reviews with spaced repetition. There is a free plan to get started.

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