Reviewing Law School Exams with Professors

Dos and Don'ts:
- DO prepare for the meeting ahead of time.
- DO read your answers prior to the meeting and try to identify problems.
- DO ask specific questions about your exam.
- DO ask if your professor can show you a better answer from another student anonymously.
- DO ask about other classes the professor teaches if you are thinking about taking other classes with them.
- DON'T be defensive.
- DON'T try to argue for a higher grade.
- DON'T ramble about non-exam related topics (time is precious in law school).
- DON'T discuss or try to get information about other students' grades.
- DON'T show up late to a scheduled meeting, or not show up at all.

Questions to Ask in Order to get the Most out of your Exam Review:
1. Did I miss discussing any issues?
2. Did I discuss any issues not raised by the facts? Can you explain why the facts did/did not raise these issues?
3. Was my exam organized in a logical manner and easy to understand?
4. Did I correctly state the rules? If not, can you explain why my rule statement was incorrect and what I can do to make it accurate?
5. Did I use the facts sufficiently to explain my arguments and reach the right conclusions? If not, can you explain what I can do to improve?
6. Were there any case citations, or policy considerations that I missed? If yes, can you give me an example of how I could've done so on this exam?
7. Did I make **reasonable** counter-arguments? Did I miss counter-arguments?
8. Did I spend too much (or not enough) time on any one question/issue on the exam?
9. Did I devote too much space to introductory or general observations?
10. Did I focus on the call of the question?
11. Are my conclusions clear?
12. In areas where it's clear that I know and understand the law, is the answer complete? What is it lacking?
13. What would be your best suggestion for me to improve my performance?

Exam Review Checklist

Course: _____   **Professor:** _____

Did I . . .	Yes	No	Sometimes	How can I improve?
Follow Instructions?				

Allocate My Time Well?
 	
  --Reading Question?
  --Outlining Answer?
  --Writing Essay?				

Outline My Answers?				
Answer the Questions Asked?				

Spot All Major Issues?				
Spot All Minor Issues?				
State the Correct Legal Rule?				
Follow IRAC?				

Analyze the Issues by Applying Law to Fact?
 	
 --Identified Legally Significant facts?
 	
  --Just Restated Facts?
 	
 --Gave conclusions
   w/out analysis?
 	
 --Assumed Facts Not
   Present?				

Argue Both Sides if Necessary?				
Write About Irrelevant Issues/Stray From Issue Identified?				