**Why Johnny Failed the Test**

Use your knowledge of memory to help explain why Johnny failed the test in each of the following scenarios.

1. Johnny is determined to do well in Introductory Psychology. On the first day of class, after he got the syllabus, he decided he would get a leg up on the rest of the class. So, he read and studied the chapters for the first test, scheduled for 3 weeks later. Then, he felt like he didn’t have to do any more studying of the textbook for the test. Johnny couldn’t understand why he failed the first test. He told the instructor, “But I studied for the test.” Can you explain why Johnny failed the test?
2. Oh no! Johnny has two tests on one day. He has a psychology test in the morning and a history test in the afternoon. Johnny decides to study for the tests in that order. First he studies psychology; then, he studies history. Subsequently, Johnny fails the second psychology test. He told the instructor, “But I studied for the test.” Can you explain why Johnny failed the test?
3. Johnny is studying for his third psychology test. He decides to maximize his performance by studying only in the classroom after each class session. The night before the test, a huge thunderstorm knocks out the electrical power to the classroom building. The students have to take the test in the gymnasium, sitting on the floor. Poor Johnny fails the third psychology test. He told the instructor, “But I studied for the test.” Can you explain why Johnny failed the test?
4. The fourth psychology test comes around, and Johnny has a sociology test on Monday morning and the psychology test on Tuesday morning. He decides to keep his studying for each test separate. He studies for the sociology test on Sunday; then, starts studying for the psychology test on Monday as soon as he gets out of sociology class. But when he’s taking the psychology test, all he can remember are the sociology answers. So Johnny fails the fourth test. He told the instructor, “But I studied for the test.” Can you explain why Johnny failed the test?
5. By the time the final rolls around, Johnny is fairly anxious about his grade in psychology. So he spends all of his waking hours studying for the final. On Wednesday he’s on campus and bumps into one of his fellow students and says, “I know I’m going to ace this final.” The students replies, “But the test was yesterday.” Johnny races home to check his syllabus, only to realize the student was right. Why didn’t he remember when the test was?

Complete the following: Be sure not to use examples provided in the text.

1. Describe a situation where you would use your short-term, or working, memory (*besides* remembering a phone number).
2. Describe a situation where you would use your long-term memory.
3. Generate two examples of semantic memory.
4. Generate two examples of episodic memory.
5. Generate two examples of procedural memory.
6. The nine Supreme Court justices, in order (of appointment), are: Kennedy, Thomas, Ginsberg, Breyer, Roberts, Alito, Sotomayor, Kagan, and Gorsuch. Devise a way to remember these (in the correct order).