

AN OPINION ESSAY

DO YOU THINK WE GIVE TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO EXAMS AT SCHOOL?

Traditionally, schools give more importance to exams than to evaluating students' general progress. In my opinion, this teaches children to memorise, not to think independently.

It's clear that the exam system can be unfair. Some students, because they are lucky or have got good exam techniques, get much better marks than other students with similar abilities. As a result, some students have fewer opportunities for their future. In addition, many exam questions are simply a memory test. A lot of teachers concentrate exclusively on "exam preparation". For this reason, lessons may become boring and not very relevant to our real world.

Summing up, I'd say that exams are not the best way to test ability. They are a memory test most of the times and they influence teaching methods in a negative way. Continuous assessment would be more effective, I believe.