

Nowadays students usually take exams in the class, but some universities allow students to take exams at home. Talk about the advantages or disadvantages of taking exams at home.

How to assess the knowledge of the students has always been a great debate among education experts and many ways ~~has~~ have been invented such as practical exams, and assessment during the course. One of the latest tests is take-home exams. In the following paragraphs, I will elaborate on the cons and pros of this type of exam.

To begin with, I guess its advantages outweigh its disadvantages. First, the implementation of this exam is cheaper and easier. No hall exam should be booked, therefore scheduling of exams is less complicated. Moreover, this type of exam allows teachers to evaluate students' analysis ability which is getting more important and ~~determinant~~ determining of success especially in human science day by day. In fact, if the exam is take-home, the test can consist of more conceptual questions rather recall questions. In other words, the take-home exam gives this opportunity to students to use different sources like books, handouts, websites and other people to acquire information and integrate them. Not only can this activity assess their analysis ability, but also it examines their search ability for gaining information. Otherwise, due to access to the internet, analyzing is overriding memorizing. Besides, the subjects covered in the courses do not need to be crammed into a test, because there is no time limitation like taking an exam at the university.

On the other hand, in my opinion, this method has some disadvantages. For instance, since the teachers face less limitation upon the number of questions or time, ~~so~~ they may give more questions which are both ~~and~~ time-consuming and complex ~~of them~~. Therefore, the take-home exam lasts more and is more gruelling. In that case, it depends on the deadline and how much time students have for their test.

To make a long story short, I strongly believe that this assessment method is extremely functional because it evaluates more abilities than other methods. Of course, ~~this point~~ it should be considered that not all subjects and courses ~~can~~ not be examined through the same way. In fact, choosing how to test students' learning relies on the material which is supposed to be assessed.