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INTRODUCTION



The classification of assessment tools and techniques are :

- Assessment of knowledge
- Assessment of skills
- Assessment of attitude



ESSAY TYPE QUESTION



- These are a test containing questions requiring the students to respond in writing.
- It emphasizes recall rather than recognition of the correct alternative.





FEATURES



- Questions are used both as formative & summative assessments.
- They require a great deal of thought & planning.
- Students prepare their own answers.
- They evaluate knowledge areas alone.





ADVANTAGES



- Assess critical-thinking skills in learners.
- Provide an opportunity to assess the problem solving & decision making ability in learners.
- Helps evaluate thinking, recall, analysis & synthesis of facts.
- Provide very limited scope of guessing answers.



DISADVANTAGES



- It difficult & time consuming to grade the answer.
- Evaluation is subjective; different teachers may mark the same answer differently.
- There is a scope of lot of subjective biasness.
- These questions provide practice in poor or unpolished writing.



SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- The answer has to be generated and supplied by the learner rather than chosen from a number of options provided.



PURPOSE



Useful to assess the recall ability of students.



Used to assess students in a classroom while a lecture is in progress.



Useful in formative assessment.



ADVANTAGES



- Provide the opportunity to cover a much wider content of the syllabus.
- Can be administered to a large group of students.
- Useful to assess the recall of information.
- Provide less scope for guesswork.
- Require less stationary.



DISADVANTAGES



- They are not particularly suited for testing higher cognitive & noncognitive outcomes.
- They can lead to cheating within a group of students.
- Difficulties in scoring if not worded carefully.
- Provide no scope to assess the writing ability.



MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS



- These are the form of assessment where respondents are asked to select the best possible answer out of choices from a list.
- Scoring in MCQs is easier as compared to essay type & short answer type questions.



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- Other side of the coin is that it is equally difficult to construct good good quality.
- MCQs & there is a high chance of cheating & guesswork practices.



ADVANTAGES



- Easy to use & administer.
- Can cover a large content area of syllabus.
- Easy to check answers.
- High reliability & validity.
- No scope of subjective biasness.
- Allow more adequate sampling of content.



DISADVANTAGES



- No useful to test highest level of cognitive domain.
- Difficult to construct good MCQs.
- More suitable format for cheating in students.
- Time consuming process to construct good MCQs.
- Inappropriate for measuring skilled performance.



IMPORTANCE

- Assessment is a key component of learning because it helps students learn.
- When students are able to see how they are doing in a class, they are able to determine whether or not they understand course material.
- Assessment can also help motivate students



CONCLUSION



In education, assessment plays an important role in the process of learning and motivation. The types of assessment tasks that we ask our students to do determine how students will approach the learning task and what study behaviors they will use.





ASSESSMENT



1. What is meant by essay type of question?
2. What is the purpose of SAQs?
3. List down the advantages of MCQ?
4. What are all the features for essay type of question?





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