



**In the current education system, are assessments through formal written examinations still a valid method of assessing students? What is your opinion on this and support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.**

As the development of technology is rapidly increasing, people are starting to question if assessments through formal written examinations are still a valid method of assessing students. In my opinion, I believe that written examinations are still valid and should be still part of the education system. This is because it helps students to build a more stable foundation and it is also a more proven way of improving a student' s spelling.

It has been scientifically proven that students tend to memorize information easier when they write it. Therefore, making it compulsory for students to take down notes and eventually sit for a written assessment is essential to build a good foundation. Furthermore, written assessments are also a good way to ensure that students are only writing down what they know. Technology has allowed for plagiarism which is discouraged, and writing prevents that from happening in assessments. For example, if students were to carry out assessments through the computer, they are able to just copy and paste articles that they find on the internet.

Writing assessments are also a good way to improve students' spelling. When performing tasks on computer, there are applications which are able to help correct students' spelling. For example, Microsoft Word has the autocorrect function which automatically corrects a spelling mistake. I believe that this is not a good approach towards improving a student' s spelling as they would

start to take it for granted and not take their own initiative to ensure that their spelling is correct.

In conclusion, I believe that formal written examinations are still a valid method of assessing students. Although there are applications which can improve learning better, writing assessments should not be completely abolished.

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