

Impact of Formative Assessment and Feedback on Higher Education

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Abstract

This research study is based on the literature review through documentary analysis. In this study it is aimed to find out the impact of formative and feedback assessment in Higher Education in Pakistan. Assessment is a key role to enhance both teaching and learning and is needed in assuring the nature of training development, including analytic testing, strategies are related to formal and no formal assessment strategies directed by teachers amid the learning procedure with the end goal to adjust educating and learning exercises to enhance understudy achievement. Input is the best apparatus when started by the understudy, related to self and associate to assessment. The study was discussed in detail through theoretical framework on nature formative feedback and formative assessment. It is well up to the mark and standard policy documented about the assessment that has a great influence on the teaching and learning process.

Key Words:

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Introduction

Assessment is a process of gathering, interpreting, recording, and using the information from learners for the achievement of educational goals. Assessment plays a significant role in providing information to students, teachers, administrators, and policymakers in arriving at decisions. The developmental appraisal is unmistakably extremely requesting. Changes in classroom rehearse are focal, not minor to its viability so the achievement of the developmental appraisal will mean changes in the instructional method (Ud-Din, 2015).

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Formative assessments have a great role during the teaching-learning process. Feedback also plays a great influence on student academic success. A bulk of current researches has shown that formative assessment practices have a tremendous impact on summative assessment i.e. students' academic achievement. The influence of assessment is visible on students' academic achievement of students. Tests, questions, and checklists are the most commonly used strategies of classroom assessment at the secondary level. But unluckily, our teachers are unaware of other diverse forms of classroom formative strategies and therefore don't make the use of the same in the teaching-learning process (Ud-Din, 2015).

Educational Assessment

Educational assessment refers to the process of collecting accurate and reliable knowledge, knowledge, skills, and skills of students and how well they can apply their day-to-day living. Education assessment is about how to collect accurate and solid data on information and understanding of the students, aptitudes, and how well they can apply their understanding throughout their daily lives. The assessment may be based around the individual student, a student meeting, a learning institution, for example, a school, or all in all, the instructive structure. Assessment is a type of instructive research since it is worried about acquiring solid, certain data on the learning results of those being evaluated (Ambusaidi, 2000)

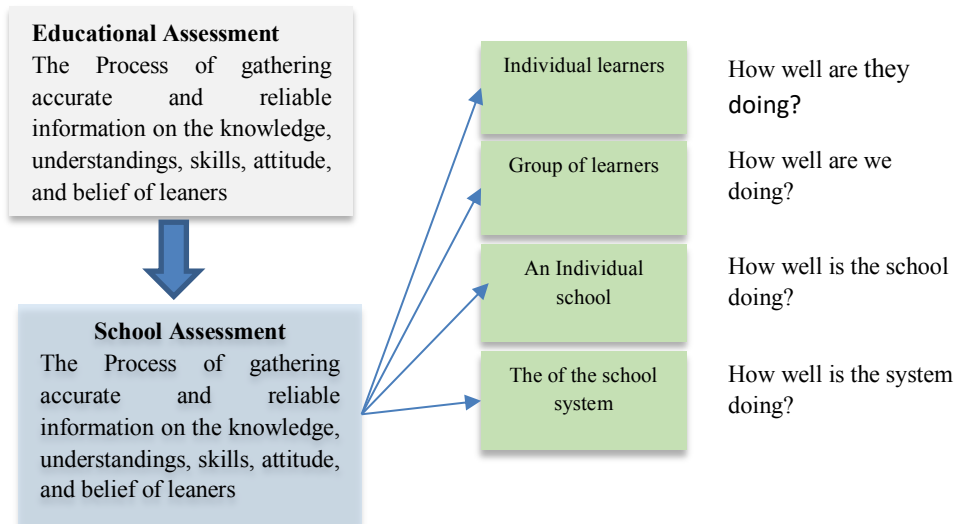


Figure 1: sums up the process.

Scope of the Education Assessment (Ud-Din, 2015)

Education can be thought of as the process - formal or informal - by which people learn. Learning can be seen as a development that cannot be attributed to normal processes of growth and maturation. Assessment is the process by which the effectiveness and efficiency of learning can be gauged. Learning involves much more than the memorization and recall of information and procedures. Indeed, it involves more than the cognitive in that attitude development is a key part of the educational process and the acquisition of practical skills is also of importance (Boud, 1995).

The Study Aim

The point of the examination is to underline the useful execution of the formative assessment. The examination prompts the end that instructors actualize the discoveries of various speculations and inquiries about formative assessment rather gradually in their day by day work and practice.

This research article is based on the broad and in-depth review of the literature on the diverse forms of classroom assessment strategies being employed by teachers for the enhancement of learner academic achievement. A critical analysis of the literature revealed that the use of a diverse form of formative strategies not only brings variety and interest in the teaching-learning process but also draws its great impact on students.

Objectives of the Study

The study's primary aims were:

1. To find out the impact of formative assessment and feedback in Higher Education.
2. To investigate the existing situation of an excess of empirical evidence literature-based documents the improvement of learning objective outcomes through the use of formative assessment informal way within education.
3. To critical analysis research study based on the Literature Review through documentary analysis.

Research Questions

Following were the research questions of the study:

1. How do educators comprehend formative assessment and feedback?
2. In which ways formative Assessment and feedback are honed?
3. How to promote self-learning and self-assessment?
4. How to develop assessment tasks and goals?

Assessment and Higher Education

Assessments an imperative segment in advanced education because it is a key segment for understudies, educators, and individuals who are in charge of the improvement and accreditation of courses (Berry, 2008). As per (Blackmore, 1998). the assessment gives data about the nature of understudies' learning, keeps up the standard, and propels understudies all through their investigations.

Assessment is the basic parts of instruction and learning projects and helps in shaping individual learning. Assessment of auxiliary and advanced levels of education in Pakistan employs an examination framework and it depends entirely on the educator to survey understudies. The same practice doesn't survey the capacity of understudies to outline and do tests or even assess their comprehension of logical notions. Therefore, the current article deals with the extensive review and report of the assessment procedure which are being in vogue in the Pakistani Education System, by taking into consideration a few distinct perspectives (Berry, 2011).

In the most recent couple of years, the assessment process in advanced education has changed. An assorted variety of assessment hones, more student-focused, are accounted for in writing as valuable to upgrade the dynamic contribution of the understudies, to empower coordinated effort between all individuals, and enable educators to acknowledge how learning is occurring. Instructors have long taken the useful effect of development and input assessment for allowed. Various research sources seller that the capacity of these systems to enhance the understudy scholastic accomplishment (Berry, 2008).

In Pakistan, any type of assessment goes for estimating the training, educational modules' results (Alsadaawi, 2010). In any case, it is a typical conviction that the educational program, offices, and training benchmarks of the Pakistan framework don't coordinate with the measures in instruction required by a vast and the nation, for example, Pakistan and depend excessively on repetition learning (Al-Sadan, 2000).

The assessment applies a noteworthy impact on understudies' ways to deal with think about in advanced education, so guarantee that it empowers understudies to create and flourish as students. As a rule, nonetheless, the understudy understanding of assessment stays a long way from positive, and assessment has been blamed for effectively affecting understudy commitment. Biggs (2002), for example, considers assessment to be a critical intervening element in deciding an understudy's relationship to the college. Very frequently, she attests, it results in the distance instead of commitment, inciting general sentiments of consistency, feebleness, and subservience as opposed to a feeling of having a place, eagerness, delight, and responsibility for the learning process.

Assessment Policy at the Higher Education of Pakistan

Because of the Undergraduate and Graduate General Academic Regulations (2014), the assessment approach can be summarized accompanying

S	Concepts	Descriptions
1	Core	To assess the accomplishment of the expected learning results
2	The paradigm of Assessment	1 Course work (assignments, tests, tests, and reasonable did during the showing weeks) and 2 Final task or assessment which is controlled toward the consummation of the module.
3	Grading	All course works and last assessments must be investigated and present the engravings as rate scores. Constant evaluations make up half of the module all-around score while the last assessment makes up half of the module by and large score.
4	Feedback	Students should be given analysis about their execution in coursework before the subsequent assessment in a comparable module and coursework grades are given to understudies before the last assessment.

William and Thompson (2008) talk about these progressions through five key procedures for actualizing developmental assessment successfully:

- ✚ Clearing up, sharing, and understanding objectives for learning and criteria for progress with students.
- ✚ Building powerful classroom dialogs, inquiries, exercises, and assignments that evoke proof of understudy learning.
- ✚ Giving feedback that propels learning.
- ✚ Actuating understudies as proprietors of their learning.
- ✚ Actuating understudies as learning assets from each other.

Hargreaves (2002, 2005) directed a study to investigate the implications and inferences in respect of 'assessment for learning' from the instructors' viewpoint and created six gatherings of depictions that are doing by assessment for the enhancement of learner and assessment for learning is described as:

- ✚ Observing understudies' execution besides their objectives or goals.
- ✚ Utilizing assessment to illuminate the following stages in instructing and learning.
- ✚ Educators giving input for the development.
- ✚ Instructors finding out about students' learning.
- ✚ Students assuming some responsibility for their learning and evaluation; and
- ✚ Changing assessment into learning events or occasions.

Assessment for You as Teacher

You need to know about instructive tests, as the findings can have a significant influence on the lives of other people: they are generally utilized for choice, accreditation, finding, extraordinary guidance, or arrangement. Moreover,

tests, exams, tests, ventures, assignments, or portfolios are your very own vital part instructing and it is profitable for you to have some information on their improvement and utilize. That capacity to create advantageous assessments does not fall into place easily, but rather it is an attitude that can be gained, and it needs to learn and also encounter (Petty,2004).

Assessment requests your consideration because surveying is a sizable piece of your expert remaining task at hand. It has been estimated that educators are investing as much as 33 percent of their chance in the evaluation. To be sure, where instructors are entrusted with their particular assessment (with a reduction in formal external examinations), the heap and duty will increase. This pattern is general (Brooks, 1993)

Deliberately or something else, assessments assume a huge job in your genuine educating. For example, your assessments may happen casually amid assessment of your guidance and go about as drive for helping the student; or, at the other outrageous, a formal assessment towards the end of the course may determine the prospects of someone's profession. To be sure, how the assessment will occur can unequivocally impact what you stress in your instructing and how you support particular parts of understudy learning (Ud-Din, 2015).

This implies you should be educated about the impacts of various structures and strategies for evaluation. For perusing this monograph, you may wish to contemplate the degree to which you need evaluations to wind up a consistent segment of your educating or the degree to which you may need them to end up a discrete piece of the procedure. Whatever occurs, the assessment will unequivocally impact how you instruct and how your understudies learn (Ud-Din, 2015).

Assessment can be implemented in several different ways. For instance,

- ❑ Assessment can be used in educational institutions to provide feedback on teaching or learning.
- ❑ Assessment can shed light on how well our student does and does well.
- ❑ Assessment may be required and essential to the award of a certificate or grade to educational institutions on a course.
- ❑ Assessment can simply be required by the educational administration to assess the job ratio.

Two keywords are important: quantity and quality:



Figure 2: Quality and Quantity (Ud-Din, 2015).

We need to consider carefully the standard. are we tend to measure what we would like to measure? are we tend to measure the necessary outcomes from learning? Is our assessment fair for our students? Will it allow them to show the full variety of skills and abilities they have? Questions about how long evaluations take place and how we usually tend to evaluate are then considered (Ud-Din, 2015).

Literature Review

Literacy about assessment is studied as avital to contemporary teaching. Over the period, assessment literacy includes both measurements and assessments for learning vista. In the meantime, an investigation into educators' conceptions of the reason and job of assessment exhibits, expanding confirmation of the effect of instructors' originations on assessment rehearses. The combination of these two variables, assessment proficiency, and originations of assessment has not been satisfactorily investigated (Black and Wiliam, 1998).

Educators must be assessment proficiencies; this need is important to the point. In the United States, there is a continuous professional development program for teachers regarding assessment. Assessment education is, subsequently considered a need in current educator arrangement and comparing educational module. Generally, how well this need means fruitful results for alumni of these projects is easily proven wrong (Popham, 2004).

Teacher training projects' endeavors and accomplish evaluation, education is a subject of expanding consideration. Ways to deal with the assessment, education reacts a few chronicled stages: a measurable interpretive stage, a phase accentuating assessment of learning, and an advanced elucidation of assessment proficiency which draws from and blends components of earlier stages. It requires an improved understanding of creative appraisal enhancing (e.g. portfolios, rubrics, exhibitions, associates and self-evaluation), assessment orientation and preparation and capability creation in a range of appraisal types (e.g. description, structure, ranking, significant functional analysis of the existing pre-benefit and/or propelled level courses). These speak to a progressing advancement in distinguishing and operationalizing the most valuable aspects of assessment for instructors. These specific accentuations may likewise and criteria and benchmarks for accomplishing the results of assessment proficiency through educational instruction (Popham, 2010). The important course for accomplishing these results is having understudies draw in with special subjects on assessment or chapters inside courses on assessment.

The Development of Assessment Literacy

The assessment of education systems is taught in a mix of skills and thinking

learned about the urgency; that is, showed comprehension and use of assessment one inside valid instructive settings. This is customarily dense as assessment capability (Popham, 2004, 2010). Getting to be assessed proficient requires creating understanding in principle and the use of different assessment practices and abilities to suitably manage and how to draw or interpret assessments in the classroom practice. (Stiggins and Chappuis, 2005). This isn't, be that as it may, a quality free education. As education has evolved over the years, assessment skills have progressed into what can be built in three phases. Some convictions about what is most important in the assessment react to each step.

Assessment education is viewed as fundamental to present-day instructing. After some time, appraisal education has advanced to incorporate the two estimations and evaluations for learning viewpoints. In the meantime, the investigation into instructors' originations of the reason and job of assessment exhibits expanding proof of the effect of educators' originations on appraisal rehearses. The combination of these two components, assessment proficiency, and originations of appraisal has not been satisfactorily investigated.

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Educator training projects' endeavors to and attain assessment proficiency may be a subject of increasing thought. ways in which to handle evaluation, education react some authentic stages: a measurable interpretative stage, a section accentuating assessment for learning, and the latest translation of assessment proficiency which attracts from and orchestrates elements of earlier stages (Black and Wiliam, 1998). Increased comprehension of creative assessment (e.g. portfolios, rubrics, exhibits, related or self-assessment), assessment and learning (AaL; AFL; AOL), and the development of skills in multiple assessment types are part of the goals recognized in the latest pre-benefit or propelled level courses. (e.g. description, structure, ranking, significant assessment). These speak of continuous progress in characteristic aspects of the assessment for instructors, which deny and operationalize the most useful aspects. Such basic emphases can also be a guideline and a benchmark to achieve the outcomes of the assessment skills in academic education (Popham, 2010). The main course for these results was to attract undergraduate studies with special assessment courses or units in assessment courses.

Concept of Assessment

According to Bachr (2005), assessment mentions that it is the systematic process

for students assessing and providing feedback on abilities, information, approaches, and student outcome to promote or educate potential knowledge and results and showing the ability of the learner. Although individuals utilize assessment and assessment" conversely (Taras, 2005), there's an associate clear distinction between them. The assessment goes for deciding the amount of execution, quality or result, and encourages basic leadership as indicated by the amount useful showed. later on, whereas assessment enhances future execution characteristics, assessment decides the standard attributable to the current execution. Such contrasts in importance are found in the input (Broadfoot and Black, 2004). As per (Dochy and Segers, 2006), contends that while input into an assessment relies upon perceptions and distinguishing the weakest and most grounded focuses, Assessment criticism is based on the standard value level. For every instruction set, these two procedures are key, because each plays a basic, vital job against the other.

According to Dochy and Segers (2006), Such assessments are aimed at helping students monitor their progress. They additionally assist instructors with identifying frail indicates in their guidance concurring understudy learning, and they can be utilized to propel understudies. Main, managers, and directors can utilize assessments to archive singular area, school, classroom, and, above all, understudy advance. Furthermore, they encourage both open and strategy creators to screen the degree to which instructive frameworks are powerful. Assessment can likewise be utilized to encourage understudies. Assessment is an informative instrument between the instruction group and whatever is left of society. It displays a range of scopes of correspondence from amazingly casual to a great degree formal trade (Broadfoot and Black 2004). They establish an extensive variety of things, for example, school reports and reach out to high-esteem, open examinations, including prospective employee meetings, and national observing. Whatever the assessment activities, the regular factor is the assessment information that the more extensive open uninhibitedly acknowledges as a data of remarkable quality (Rust, 2002).

Purpose of Assessment

There are a variety of reasons to assess education. As announced by the United Kingdom's Secretary of State for Education in 2009, it will be concluded with the review of how students ' learning adequacy and training for teachers can be enhanced, aside from holding schools responsible for its execution., lastly to give dependable and equivalent data about principles broadly after some time (Boud, 2007). For educators, the purposes behind assessment have fluctuated. Notwithstanding the official reasons set around the national educational modules in the UK for instance, educators will give some extra explanations behind surveying their understudies. These incorporate such factors as:

Identifying the Needs of Students

The first step for the teacher to prepare and decide when to start its education program and how to use initial assessment,

- ✚ Pursuing learner progress,
- ✚ Identify problems,
- ✚ Supporting students move forward,
- ✚ Altering the pace or focal point of learning,
- ✚ Confirming accomplishment,
- ✚ Deciding the adequacy of a learning program
- ✚ Surveying their own instructing (Petty. 2004).

In this way, there are numerous individual explanations for the educator to attempt an assessment of understudies' information and comprehension. Such an assessment could be regarded as a four-stage assessment process (Suskie. 2009).

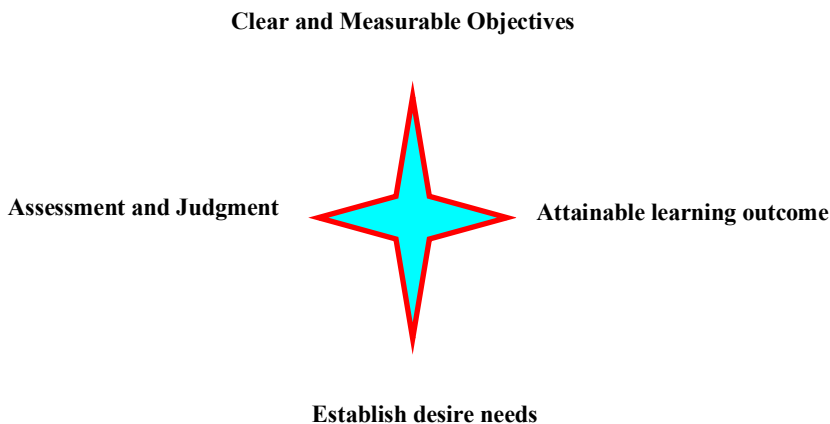


Figure 3: Assessment Reflection (Ud-Din, 2015)

Assessment is subsequently basically about get-together data of understudy learning and fulfillment which would then be able to be utilized for an assortment of purposes as sketched out, since the instructor can break down, decipher and make judgments on the learning of the understudies and also of their execution, and also for outside detailing or offering input to understudies (Suskie. 2009).

At the purpose, once the motivation behind the assessment is to determine to learn, there's a social affiliation among understudies and instructors and what is more between understudies. The assessment will be believed to alter understudies to grasp their aptitudes, qualities and shortcomings, the knowledge they need to be picked up, and their capacities through criticism, and everyone things thought-

about structures a characteristic piece of the training and showing the method that is important to supporting learning (Berry, 2008).

Formative Assessment and Feedback

Feedback is considered to be a key aspect of the formative assessment and growth assessment that massively affects the process; Black & Wiliam, 1998), his read has been upset in not many research studies, and it communicates that formative assessment is seen as an excursion that offers analysis or feeds forward to understudies and enlightens them in regards to their learning achievements (Heritage, 2007). Formative assessment is intended to give a kind of amazing analysis to the expert concerning the present remaining of alternate understanding and to insist on the teacher regarding the resulting stages in learning (Heritage, 2007). formative assessment, as demonstrated by Black and Wiliam (1998), is disturbed in regards to any activities did by teachers and understudies, that yield data which will be utilized to review—and if fundamental change—the course of learning practices inside which the understudies and teachers are secured.

A Conceptual Model of Formative Assessment and Feedback

This segment demonstrates that convincing input is indispensable to fruitful developmental assessment, and this is spoken to graphically in Figure 1.2, which demonstrates a calculated model of Broad foot and Black (2004).

Assessment is the way toward assessing a person's learning. It includes creating and gathering proof of a student's accomplishment of information and abilities and making a decision about that proof against characterized norms.

Broad foot and Black (2004) Designed an assessment model that promotes learning, offers input on learning and teaching for each learner and teacher and produces learning outcomes.



Figure 4: Assessment Model (Based Broadfoot and Black 2004)

Assessment undertakings arrange to a large degree what students can understand, and therefore the ways they're going to utilize to carry, repeat, recreate and attract with working out a way to the material (Biggs, 2002). Student reactions to saw, or genuine, assessment assignments can often overwhelm different outward or natural inspirations that initially drive student conduct.

Ramsden (2003) argues that: Thinking about higher education.

"Assessment is that the retirement pensioner is as aggressive as the instructive mechanism can be seen as a simple teaching factor and therefore as an enhancement of instruction. A refined hypothesis of encouraging leads specifically to the suggestion that understudy assessment is most significantly concerned with understanding the procedures and outcomes of understudy learning and understanding the understudies that have done the education. Using those understandings, we tend to expect each undergraduate learning to be created and our instruction to be better."

Research Methodology

The literature search for the survey was directed utilizing fundamentally standard methodology for a systematic inquiry. This included picking sensible sources of data and arranging pursuit and thought/dismissal rules to recognize potential exchanges. These exchanges would then be fused into the review. The great advantage is the library.

Sources of Data

Due to time constraints, just an electronic hunt was completed. Hand looking did not endeavor. A source of data was the Google web crawler, the HEA Academy webpage, and different insightful electronic databases. Google and the HEA site were consolidated into the chase to find any unpublished or "diminish expressing" that may not be perceived in the orderly request of databases. Moreover, for the most part, information and literature were focused on Monograph on Educational Assessment (Ud-Din, 2015).

Discussion

Assessment is a basic procedure for social affair data about students learning and accomplishment. This procedure ought to be incorporated with learning and educating to build up courses for educators to comprehend their understudies' learning and settle on an educated choice about their guidance. In this paper, our center is about another way to deal with appraisal in Pakistan, which has been executed as of late. The new appraisal approach is a model referenced assessment that plans to help understudies' adaptation instead of estimating their advancement

exclusively. It is utilized increasingly a piece of the understudies' learning procedure. We clarify why the new assessment approach is presented, what it is, and how instructors manage it. Also, we likewise examine the difficulties and ramifications of actualizing new assessment ways to deal with science instructors, teachers, and policymakers.

Assessment
Can only assist in enhancing future education provision
If
Those with the power to make the decisions on future
planning Understand
The assessment findings
and
Are willing to make the necessary changes

New Developments in Assessment

In the field of instructive evaluation, crucial advances have been seen in the last decades. The increasing quality of instructive assessments as a technical issue is joining in new ways to assess the study's achievement. Specifically, there has been a development in ways of assessment that advance, and also measure, gauges, and quality. These enhancements have vital ramifications for individual students, organizations, and instructive frameworks.

The teachers and educational staff of the higher education and assessment professionals or expert of assessment are typically responsible for specifying student learning outcomes for educational programs, develop the curricula on which the programs are primarily focused, and which provide their students with knowledge and information, and deciding the standard of those learning experiences.

The assessment provides result-oriented productivity that facilitates us to visualize wherever our programs are operating well. It can also make it easier for us to visualize our teaching methods however well they work. All this, however, can only happen if assessment procedures are conceived from the start into program planning from the comments also....

The study design and assessment courses related to the assessment and its assessment modes must, therefore, be organized and refined together. Too often assessment has become isolated and is treated as a separate activity at the end of a course, but never use to inform curriculum designers.

Conclusions

Assessment is used to enhance each teaching and learning and is crucial in making

certain the standard of education offered. Formative Assessment, as well as for analytic testing, could be a scope of formal and casual assessment strategies led by instructors amid the educational procedure with the top goal to regulate educating and learning exercises to reinforce understudy fulfillment. Criticism could be the best device once started by the understudy, associated with self and formative assessment. The professional provides systems to help the understudy with up. Instructors allow time for, and understudies will autonomously follow informed, input to reinforce their learning.

We shall currently look at examples of varied strategies. let us consider questions and the writing questions papers. There are two broad categories include: -

1. It must be focused on how to set the question papers on it all aspects either it may be objectives or subjective. The most important factor that is objective regarding target questions, although it can be easy to manage a set up by a machine. The machine can easily interpret the and machine still should be 'told' what are the 'right' answers and what are the negative answer, there's nothing extraordinary regarding objective questions.
2. The purpose of this study is to find out the reality of all the difficulties within the assessment method so that we can move forward with the development of assessment tasks for our students which can carry out education in the longer term.

Here are a few Important Points which we need to Consider

1. Assessment is very time-consuming and potentially very dangerous:
2. Most of the time teachers spent on setting and question paper and then fairly mark the questions papers. It is a difficult task, but it is very important for learning and better performance achievements among our students.
3. Assessment will misrepresent the whole learning method: we have a contract that can only be taught, and our students will only know what can be attributed to tests.
4. The assessment is usually efforts that get students right down to serious study: however, they often simply memorize their heads filled with information that can be forgotten in many weeks for the most part.
5. We do, however, try to test students to find out what they can do, to see how well we have learned, to encourage them to move on, to approve them, and to provide information to employers: no assessment can do this simultaneously.
6. We tend to start a company wherever people are appointed and used based on their qualifications: we tend to be as accurate as possible in our assessment.

7. Students would like feedback to help them find out, but they are learning and this may be the key element of an assessment– students want quality feedback.
8. There is no way we can say that we have 'good it right' – we want to get our own hands up regularly – so we can improve and expand our teaching.

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