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Reading Lesson 10: Matching names with statements

Alternative Forms of Assessment

The traditional method of assessing students by written exams is still the most common form of assessment, but alternative methods are becoming more popular to take assessment beyond traditional, closed book tests.

North West University uses a method called Authentic Assessment, which enables them to evaluate whether a student really has a deep understanding of a topic. They are given real life situations and have to apply what they have learnt to the situation. According to John Gramble, Professor of Philosophy at North West University, "This type of assessment forces students to analyse things carefully before applying their knowledge to the situation, and as a result we can evaluate students more effectively and precisely." Sarah Brown, a student at North West University added, "I feel more confident and better prepared for my future career knowing I have had the opportunity to apply what I have learnt."

Bob Johnson, Associate Professor of Business Studies at Lakeside University also believes there are benefits to using alternative assessments to evaluate students. He explained "While we still use traditional written exams for about two-thirds of the student's overall grade, the other third is made up of alternative assessments such as group projects and oral presentations. I believe these aspects are essential as students will need to work with others and give talks and presentations after they graduate."



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Look at the following people (Question 1 -3) and the list of statements below. Match each person with the correct statement, A - D.

1. John Gramble
2. Sarah Brown
3. Bob Johnson

- a. Is more self-assured in their ability to pursue their occupation after studying.
- b. Believes that alternative forms of assessment are extremely important to prepare students for life after university.
- c. Is of the opinion that alternative assessments can be confusing for students.
- d. Feels that alternative assessments enable universities to appraise students more accurately.