



Exams

The global status quo



Exams: The name given to test if you can regurgitate unprocessed information at a specified time.



Regurgitating undigested food is called vomit.

Regurgitating undigested information is called passing exams.



The current exam system doesn't measure anything except recall at a specific time. How dumb is it to grade learning on the basis of recall?



In the current exam system, if a person recalls the information 5 minutes later, he fails because the exam is over. How truly stupid is that?



Passing exams is not an achievement. Learning, solving problems, applying solutions and expanding boundaries of knowledge are achievements.



Abolish exams. Track achievement. That will show if you passed or failed. It's not the child who's on trial but the teacher.



Test understanding,
application skill, changed
values, broadened
horizons - not memory.
Your student is human;
not a silicon chip.



It doesn't matter what you teach but what they learn. So ask, 'What do I want them to learn?' And remember, they listen with their eyes.



Don't ask, 'What did they learn?' Ask, 'What can they do with what they learnt?' For in the end it is only application that counts.



If a person helps another during an exam, it is called cheating. If he does it in real life it is called teamwork. So what do exams reward?



After 14 years of school
our children have no life
skills, can't earn a living,
can't survive for 24 hours
on their own.

And we paid for this!



How can those who have never applied, teach others to apply? Business school professors who don't have a business are a classic example.



So don't ask, 'What does he know?' Ask, 'What can he do?' If it is female, add 's'. Hire teachers only if they can demonstrate real skill.



Data digested is
information; which only
when applied is knowledge;
which only when learned
from, is wisdom. Only
wisdom adds value.



The ultimate stupidity is to
imagine that a fee
compensates wisdom.
How can money which
finishes, compensate
lessons which last lifelong?



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