

S6 English Language Paper 2 (Writing)

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Part A

A recent article in the *Standard Post* suggested that schools should abolish all examinations. Write to the editor of the *Standard Post* expressing your views on the following.

- Whether or not you agree with the suggestion
- Three reasons why schools should or should not abolish examinations

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my views responding to an article in the *Standard Post* that called for schools to abolish all examinations. I agree to a certain extent, as being a student, I have seen both sides of the argument.

Firstly, I think that some students may work at different paces. Therefore, doing examinations aren't as well thought of for students with different abilities. Examinations are solely a test of memory and not all students may be able to have as good of memory as other students. Examinations particularly will put in as many topics as possible and I personally wished as a student that I had the opportunity to do smaller assessments with less requirements.

Secondly, Examinations are too stressful. I've often noticed that when a student's workload is simply too much, they burn out and stop trying. They often have a minimum of two hours of study time everyday which can lead them into thinking that it is impossible and eventually give up. As I've mentioned, these examinations normally consist of many different topics, which the students must revise in order to accomplish completion and the passing of the examination.

Lastly, examinations may lead students down negative paths. Many students use examinations and their grades to determine their worth. They can believe that what they receive will just prove their value in society and to themselves. Examinations can lead to a bad self image and promote insecurities especially in one's ability. A failing grade can harm a student's confidence thus leading to lack of improvement as they may, as I've mentioned, burn out.

In conclusion, while I personally think we have a long road ahead before the abolishment of all examinations. I do hope one day we will live in a society that doesn't use examinations to determine one's ability.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wong