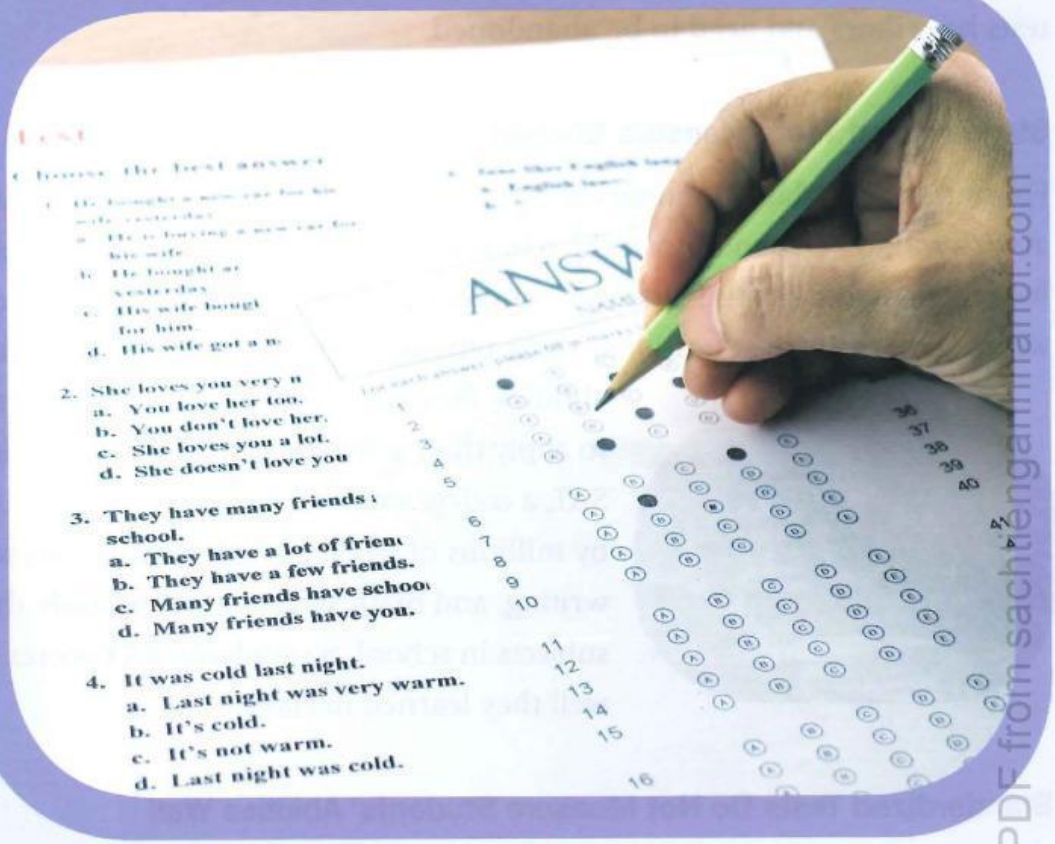
Unit 06 Standardized Tests



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Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. How often do you take tests at school?
2. Do you think it is fair to grade students by the test results?
3. Do you think standardized tests are necessary?

Introducing the Topic

Standardized tests are tests designed to be the same for all students. Every student answers the same questions and has the same amount of time to finish the test. Standardized tests are used in many countries to assess students' knowledge and skills. They can also indicate how well schools improve students' performances. However, some say that these tests do not reflect the students' knowledge about various subjects.

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Learning about the Topic

Do standardized tests accurately measure students' abilities? 16

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From a young age, students must take tests that use multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank questions to determine their abilities and knowledge. Some feel that these tests offer a fair way to **assess** thousands of students at once. Others think these tests have flaws and need to be **abandoned**.

Standardized Tests Measure Students' Abilities Well

For starters, standardized tests are equal. School tests are made by the teachers at each school. Depending on the schools or teachers, the tests can be easier or harder. To assess all students from different schools, we need standardized tests, which have the same questions. These provide a fair comparison of all students' abilities. Second, standardized tests **require** students to apply their school learning. For example, the SAT, a college entrance exam in the U.S., is taken by millions of students each year. It tests reading, writing, and math skills. Students study these subjects in school. So students' SAT scores show how well they learned in class.

Standardized Tests Do Not Measure Students' Abilities Well

For starters, standardized tests measure only certain aspects of students. Many standardized tests measure logic and academic knowledge. Few tests can measure creativity or other skills. Students with these skills may miss the chance to show their abilities with standardized tests. Second, standardized tests are often **biased** and based on cultural experiences that not all students have. For instance, the SAT sometimes has questions about football. But not all test takers, especially those from outside the U.S., know about football. They can be at a **disadvantage** as a result.

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Vocabulary Check

Chọn từ thích hợp để hoàn thành các câu sau.

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1. Judges will _____ the figure skater's performance.
2. The debater had a very _____ opinion.
3. The company's old system has been _____ due to a flaw.
4. This school _____ students to have a certain level of English proficiency.
5. The charity helps students who are at an economic _____.

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Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. How are standardized tests fair for all students?
   a. They are made by local school teachers.
   b. They have the same questions for all students.
2. What skills do standardized tests measure?
   a. They measure students' academic knowledge.
   b. They measure students' abilities to think creatively.
3. What is a problem with standardized tests?
   a. They do not measure creativity and other skills.
   b. They show which students get the highest grades in school.
4. Why would an American test be difficult for international students?
   a. Some students' first language is not English.
   b. Questions can refer to cultural experiences some students do not have.

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