



Traditional Examination System

Jack is the name of the protagonist in the story that is going to unfold. Jack's main weakness at school was Math. Therefore, he decided to follow the tuition organized by a professor who sets the paper for the general examinations. After a few months, the Professor decided to help the students who participated in his workshops. Consequently, he released the final paper stating that it should be kept confidential. Jack was ecstatic. The day prior to the exam, he memorized all the answers with formulas. He sat for the exams the following day and spent his days joyfully until the results were released. Poor Jack! He obtained a Weak Pass in Mathematics. He was utterly disappointed and approached the Professor for justice. The Professor explained although the Question Paper he released was the same paper Jack received for his finals, he had changed the order of the questions. Instead of focusing on the questions Jack had merely showcased his talent of memorizing what the Professor revealed as the answers.

This particular story evidently proves that the traditional examination system is highly impractical and aimed at testing basic learning skills. I personally believe that the traditional examination system should be abolished as it focuses predominantly on the theoretical aspects and

thereby it is not the accurate assessment tool to define one's skills and intellectual capacity. Thus getting through the examinations has become the ultimate goal of the system. Many a person also has made a lucrative business out of the innocent dreams of students and their parents who would do anything at all to pass the exams.

Firstly, the traditional Examination System does not assess students' ability to apply his/her knowledge in practical situations. To a great extent, the orthodox examination system, measures one's intelligence in terms of the ability to memorize. If a student is capable of reproducing all the notes and theories he or she learnt on paper, he or she can be declared as a super genius. However, the moment he or she steps into the world of work it would be a totally different set up and more practical skills are demanded and they are doomed to be frustrated.

Theories are important when one learns how to manipulate them to give solutions to real life issues. Further examinations revolve around the teacher-centered education system and in a teacher dominated classroom; there is no room for innovation or creativity among the students. In Japan, for example, they pay more attention to application of knowledge in practical situations than merely testing the knowledge in theory. Undoubtedly, their education system has seen the backbone of the development in Japan as an economic giant.

Secondly, the Examination System is not an accurate assessment tool to define one's skills and capabilities. In other words, there's life beyond paper qualifications. Examination System that tests students can be compared to the situation where all the animals are being asked to climb a tree. Only the animals such as monkeys, squirrels and cats would succeed whereas elephants, fish as well as lions would be losers. It does not simply mean that the incapable ones do not have skills. Instead, they have their own zones to shine. Therefore, one single paper cannot decide a student's capabilities, talents or future. Every dark cloud has a silver line. According to this view, a student needs to be multi-talented in order to compete in today's changing world.

Thirdly, preparation for examinations has become thoroughly commercialized nowadays. We can witness numerous newly emerging coaching centers. It simply elicits the idea that money can do anything. Only the privileged students obtain the chance to take part in these coaching classes whereas the students who are affected by poverty have no hope except for their own talents. As a result, they foremostly rely on school education. Due to lack of proper guidance and resources they fail to shine in comparison to their affluent colleagues.

Thus the examination system should be abolished as it has been proven ineffective due to the factors discussed above. Traditional written exams may not be an accurate assessment tool to judge one's capabilities and skills. Also, getting through an examination has become commercialized these days. If there is more scope given to practical sessions, students will be able to make their contribution to society in a more effective manner. The time has arrived when only the multi-talented as well as practical people can conquer the world.