

Should Composition Test Be Kept?

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In this modern society, we can get information by just typing in any word you want to research. "Writing ability" seems to be not as important as before. As a result, whether Chinese composition should be a part of the basic competency test for junior high school students has become a controversial subject. But whatever the situation, I think it's doubtless that writing ability is still important for us and there are several reasons to explain why the composition test indeed has its value and shouldn't be neglected.

To start with, writing a composition on the spot is not like homework. Students can't use other tools to get information such as surfing on the Internet or consulting a dictionary. They can't just "cut and paste." This ensures that the composition is completely original, and lets students see how they use different and unique ways to express their opinions. They can show their creativity, imagination, ideas, and rhetoric through their articles.

The second reason is that students' thinking ability will be limited if we just give them those questions that have correct answers. Excellent creativity plays an important role, but they can't develop their ideas if we just tell them what is wrong or right. Also, every student has a different talent and potential. For example, some students are good at memorizing and recitation, but maybe they don't know how to deal with those questions that don't have correct answers. It's a good way for us to balance these multiple abilities through combining different kinds of questions in the test. We can observe how a student organizes his ideas and whether he can form a complete structure at the same time.

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Thirdly, they probably don't have many opportunities to practice their writing ability and have instruction after graduating from school. But writing must be used in different ways and, without question, it's an important ability. For example, when they want to apply for a school in the future, they will need to write autobiographies. And they also need to write cover letters or resumes when they want to find jobs. Words can convey what you want to express and it give others a first impression before they see you.

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Last, but the most important reason is that Chinese has become one of the most important languages of the world. It will be our advantage because more and more people desire to learn Chinese. Now, there are nearly thirty million people of eighty five foreign countries learning Chinese, so we must try our best to improve our Chinese ability to be competitive.

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To sum up, writing ability is truly important in many ways. Letting the composition be a part of the basic competency test can make students know the importance of writing ability. An article can express one's opinion and it's the evidence we have that people are still thinking. And the most important thing is that there could be no history and no concept of humanity without words and writing.

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