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A Reflection on Exams in Universities

Based on my humble experience, and considering that we are dealing with a digital native generation (Gen Z), I don't believe that exams effectively test students' abilities in universities. Some students are good at taking exams due to their memory skills, but there are many other ways to assess their understanding and capabilities:

- Projects: Hands-on work can show how well students apply what they've learned.
- Presentations: Speaking about a topic can demonstrate understanding and communication skills.
- Group Work: Working in teams allows students to showcase collaboration and problem-solving abilities.
- Portfolios: Collecting work over time can highlight growth and diverse skills.
- Class Participation: Engaging in discussions can show critical thinking and interest in the subject.

In conclusion, while exams have their place (preferably open book exams), relying solely on them overlooks the diverse talents and skills that students possess. A more holistic approach to assessment can provide a better understanding of each student's true abilities and potential.

We need a generation of graduates who are reflective, emotionally intelligent, and resilient to face the challenges of a changing market place.

I would love to hear your views on this topic!

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