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#### MODERN METHODS OF ASSESSMENT: IN UZBEKISTAN

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**Abstract**. In this article, we will explore the main types of modern assessment methods and their significance in the education system. We will also discuss the essence and content of contemporary approaches to assessing students' knowledge, as well as the key differences between formative and summative assessment. Modern assessment methods are one of the essential components of the education system, aimed at effectively measuring and developing students' knowledge and skills. Today, assessment is not only about measuring students' success but also about providing more support during the learning process, fostering their ability to self-assess, and improving the overall learning experience.

**Key words:** Peer-assessment, Formative assessment, Summative assessment, Integration, General level of knowledge, Project-based assessment.

Introduction. Modern Assessment Systems Enhance the Effectiveness of the Educational Process. Assessment is an essential part of the educational process. Continuously monitoring the quality of education and the level of students' knowledge serves as the foundation for introducing important innovations into the teaching process. Today, various forms of assessment based on new systems have been developed and are being implemented into the educational process. Some of these include formative assessment, summative assessment, self-assessment, peer-assessment, and project-based assessment.

Formative Assessment. Formative assessment is a method of analyzing students' knowledge during the learning process and providing them with continuous feedback. This method helps teachers identify students' strengths and weaknesses. The goal of formative assessment is to support students during the learning process, improve their knowledge, and address difficulties. Key features of formative assessment: Providing students with regular feedback; Integration of assessment into the learning process; Allowing for the observation of students' changes and progress.

**Methods of formative assessment:** Question-and-answer sessions (interactive classroom activities); Tests and quizzes; Written assignments, portfolios; Practical exercises and project work.

**Summative Assessment.** Summative assessment is a type of assessment conducted at the end of a school year or module. This method measures the





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overall results that students have achieved throughout the learning process. Summative assessment is primarily used to assign final grades and evaluate students' general knowledge level. Key features of summative assessment: The assessment results are determined at the end of the learning process; It serves as the primary criterion for assigning final grades; It evaluates the student's overall knowledge and skills. Methods of summative assessment: Tests and exams; Evaluation based on course or project work results; Final diploma or certificate exams.

**Self-assessment.** Self-assessment allows students to independently evaluate their own performance. This method helps students identify their strengths and weaknesses, analyze their learning process, and improve their development. To carry out self-assessment, students must set their own goals, achieve success, and identify areas for improvement. **Advantages of self-assessment:** Students can independently assess their own knowledge; It enhances students' ability to self-develop and analyze their work; It teaches responsibility and helps students set the necessary steps to achieve their goals.

**Peer-assessment.** Peer-assessment is the evaluation of students by their classmates. In this method, students assess each other's learning activities and achievements. Peer-assessment allows students to learn from each other and strengthen their knowledge through mutual feedback. **Advantages of peer-assessment:** Students learn new knowledge and skills from their peers; It gives students the opportunity to analyze their work based on feedback from others; Students can assess their activities independently and objectively.

**Project-based Assessment.** Project-based assessment encourages students to participate in practical activities and solve real-life problems. In this method, students complete specific projects or assignments, which help develop their creative and analytical thinking abilities. Project-based assessment provides students with hands-on experience in solving real-world problems. **Advantages of project-based assessment:** It develops students' creative and critical thinking; It helps them acquire practical skills; It fosters teamwork and enhances communication within groups.

In recent years, Uzbekistan has been working to reform and modernize its education system, including updating methods of assessment in schools. Traditional methods of assessment, like exams and written tests, are being supplemented or replaced with more diverse and comprehensive approaches to





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better align with global educational trends and prepare students for the demands of the modern world. Below are some of the modern methods of assessment that have been introduced or are gaining traction in schools across Uzbekistan:

**Formative Assessment in Uzbekistan**. Observations: Teachers assess students' engagement, participation, and understanding through direct observation during lessons. Quizzes and short tests: Regular, low-stakes quizzes that give both the teacher and the student insight into areas of strength and weakness. Peer assessment: Students are encouraged to review each other's work, fostering a collaborative learning environment.

**Project-Based Learning (PBL) and Assessment in Uzbekistan**. Projects are integrated into various subjects, allowing students to work on interdisciplinary tasks (e.g., a science project with elements of math, history, and language arts). Assessment is based on both the process and the final product, evaluating factors like creativity, research, teamwork, and presentation.

**Competency-Based Assessment in Uzbekistan**. Digital literacy: Students are assessed on their ability to use digital tools and navigate technology, a growing area of focus in Uzbekistan's education system. Language proficiency: Especially in teaching foreign languages (e.g., English), assessments focus on communication skills like speaking, listening, and writing, not just grammar or vocabulary recall.

**Peer and Self-Assessment in Uzbekistan**. Rubrics: Teachers provide clear rubrics for students to evaluate their own or others' work. These rubrics outline specific criteria like quality of content, clarity of argument, or creativity. Group discussions: Students assess each other's contributions during group work, providing constructive feedback.

Digital and Online Assessment Tools In Uzbekistan. Online quizzes and exams: Platforms like Google Classroom, Moodle, and local e-learning systems allow teachers to create quizzes and assessments that students complete online. E-portfolios: Students can submit digital portfolios of their work over time, which can be reviewed by teachers and peers. Learning Management Systems (LMS): These systems track student progress and assess their performance based on a variety of inputs, such as assignments, tests, and participation.

**Performance-Based Assessment in Uzbekistan**. Oral presentations: Students are asked to present on a specific topic, demonstrating both their knowledge and communication skills. Dramatic performances or role-plays: In language classes, for instance, students might perform role plays to demonstrate





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their speaking abilities. Hands-on tasks: In subjects like biology or chemistry, students might be asked to conduct experiments and explain their reasoning.

**Blended Learning Assessment in Uzbekistan**. Hybrid assignments: Students may be required to submit work both online and in traditional formats (e.g., written reports along with video presentations or digital documents). Interactive assessments: Teachers may use interactive online platforms to provide students with immediate feedback on assignments.

Summative Assessment with Alternative Approaches in Uzbekistan. Open-ended questions: These assess deeper understanding and the ability to apply knowledge rather than just rote memorization. Portfolios: Students may submit portfolios of work over a term, showing the development of their learning, critical thinking, and creativity. Case studies: Particularly in higher education or vocational schools, students might be asked to solve real-world problems through case study evaluations.

Culturally Relevant and Contextual Assessments in Uzbekistan. Contextual project work: For example, students in rural areas might be assessed on projects related to agriculture or local community issues. Historical and cultural knowledge: Students might be assessed not only on global or regional topics but also on local history, literature, and traditions.

Collaborative and Cooperative Learning Assessments in Uzbekistan: Group projects in various subjects, where students must combine their individual knowledge and skills to create a collective product. Assessment may focus on both individual contributions and group outcomes.

**Conclusion.** In conclusion, assessment should be an integral and regular component of every classroom. Modern assessment methods make the educational process more effective and individualized. Methods such as formative assessment, summative assessment, self-assessment, peer-assessment, and project-based assessment allow for a deeper measurement of students' knowledge. These methods not only evaluate students but also encourage them to engage more in the learning process, promote self-development, and foster independent thinking. Through these methods, the quality of education can be improved, and students' knowledge can be further expanded.

The implementation of Project-Based Learning (PBL) in Uzbekistan represents a significant step toward modernizing the education system and enhancing students' practical skills. This approach allows students to develop essential skills such as creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork by tackling





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real-world problems. PBL not only assesses students' knowledge but also evaluates their performance throughout the learning process, making the educational experience more effective and tailored to individual needs.

For the successful implementation of PBL in Uzbekistan, it is crucial to train teachers, provide adequate resources, and develop methodological guidelines. Introducing teachers to new pedagogical approaches, integrating innovative technologies into education, and fostering students' self-assessment and independent thinking skills will contribute to the effective use of PBL.

Furthermore, expanding and refining PBL will play a key role in bringing about quality changes in Uzbekistan's education system, fostering holistic development in students, and preparing them for their future professional careers.

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