

Assessment shifts in the Singapore education system

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In recent years, the Ministry of Education in Singapore has made extensive changes in the areas of curriculum and assessment. These changes are aimed at preparing students to meet the challenges of an increasingly globalised world. The national school curriculum has been revised to promote critical and creative thinking skills, and to nurture problem-solving and independent learning abilities in students. To complement these changes in the curriculum, significant changes have been made in several areas of assessment.

This paper discusses the recent assessment shifts in the Singapore education system by focusing on national examinations in the following areas: the greater emphasis on coursework and oral communication, and the changes in item types.