

# Parsons Brinckerhoff: The Second Avenue Subway (C)



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**Issue (Effect and control students and high stakes tests)**  
 The effect of high stakes tests on students is a complex issue. It can lead to increased stress, reduced learning, and even cheating. However, it can also motivate students to work harder and improve their skills. The key is to find a balance between assessment and learning.

**Issue (cheating)**  
 Cheating is a common problem in high stakes tests. It can be caused by a variety of factors, including pressure, lack of preparation, and a desire for success. To reduce cheating, teachers should create a fair and transparent testing environment and encourage students to focus on learning rather than just the grade.

**Issue (teaching to the test)**  
 Teaching to the test is a practice where teachers focus on preparing students for a specific test rather than on providing a broad and deep education. This can lead to a narrow curriculum and a lack of critical thinking skills. To avoid this, teachers should use a variety of assessment methods and focus on developing students' understanding of the subject matter.

**Issue (Test stress and anxiety)**  
 Test stress and anxiety are common problems for students taking high stakes tests. This can be caused by a variety of factors, including pressure, lack of preparation, and a fear of failure. To reduce stress and anxiety, teachers should provide students with opportunities to practice and receive feedback, and encourage them to take breaks and relax during the test.

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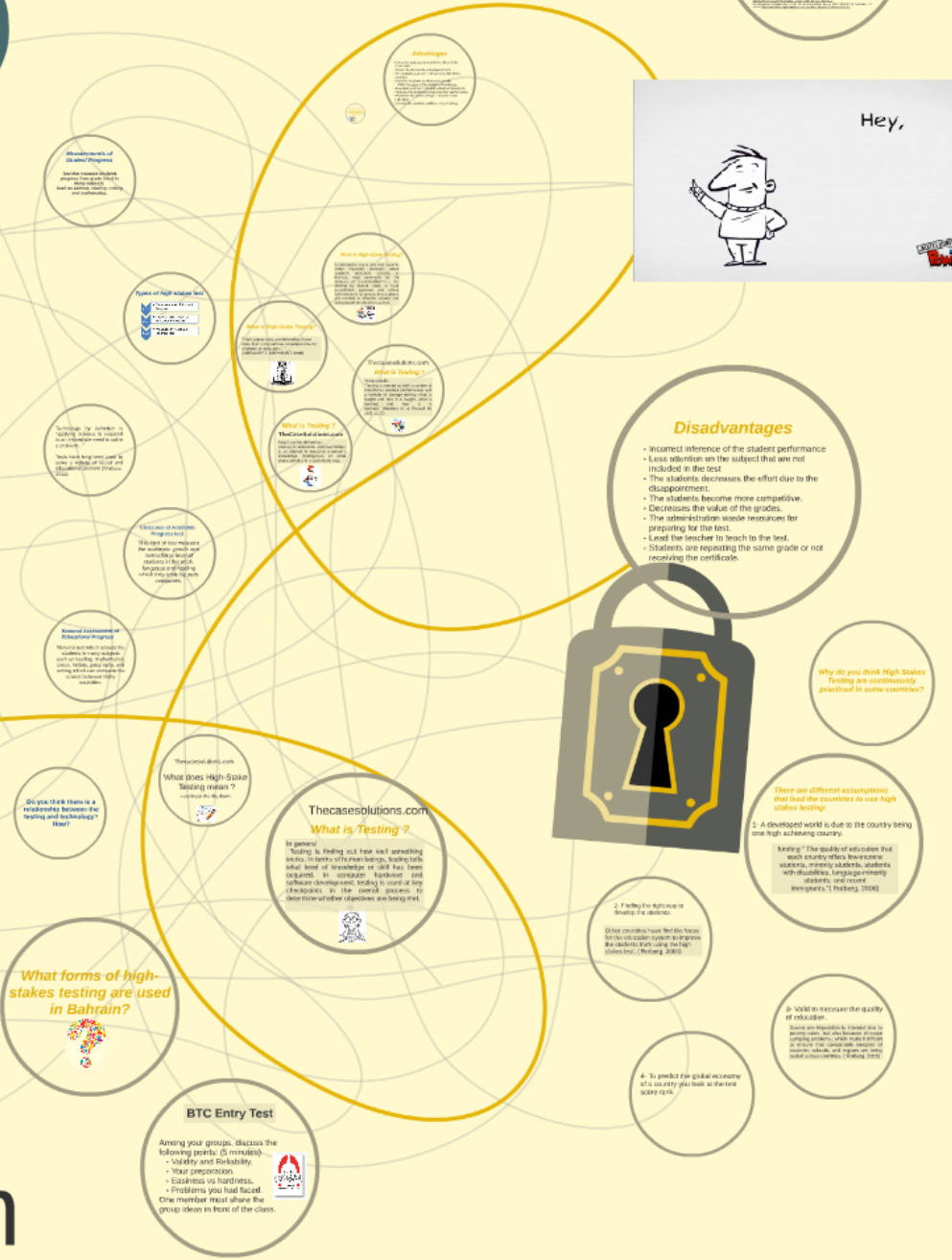
### Outline of the presentation

- Definition of high stakes testing
- Types of high stakes testing
- Advantages and Disadvantages
- What is Testing?
- Theoretical entry test
- What forms of high-stakes testing are used in Bahrain?
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### Activity 1

In a group Complete the mind map



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**Issue (Gifted and talented students and high-stakes test)**

Gifted and talented students are those who demonstrate exceptional abilities in one or more areas, such as intellectual, creative, artistic, leadership, or physical. High-stakes tests are those that have significant consequences for students, such as determining admission to a college or university, or determining a student's grade in a course.

**Issue (cheating):**

Why do students cheat in high-stakes tests? One of the reasons is the pressure to perform well on the test. Another reason is the desire to avoid failure. Cheating is a common problem in high-stakes tests, and it can have serious consequences for the student.

**Issue (teaching to the test)**

Teaching to the test is a common problem in high-stakes tests. It occurs when teachers focus on teaching students how to answer the questions on the test, rather than teaching them the underlying concepts. This can lead to students who are good at taking tests but who do not have a deep understanding of the subject matter.

**Issue (Test stress and anxiety)**

Test stress and anxiety are common problems in high-stakes tests. They can be caused by a number of factors, including the pressure to perform well, the fear of failure, and the physical symptoms of stress, such as a racing heart and sweating. Test stress and anxiety can have a negative impact on a student's performance on the test.

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**Outline of the presentation**

- Definition of High-stakes tests
- Types of High-stakes tests
- Advantages of High-stakes tests
- Disadvantages of High-stakes tests
- How to prepare for High-stakes tests
- Conclusion

**Activity 1**

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**What forms of high-stakes testing are used in Bahrain?**

**BTC Entry Test**

Among your groups, discuss the following points: (5 minutes)

- Validity and Reliability
- Your preparation
- Ease/ness vs. hardness
- Problems you had faced

One member must share the group ideas in front of the class.

**What is Testing ?**

In general, testing is finding out how well something works. In terms of human beings, testing tells what level of knowledge or skill has been acquired. To compare students' and teachers' development, testing is used or has developed in the several process to determine what or other things are being tested.

**What does High-Stake Testing mean ?**

**Do you think there is a relationship between the testing and technology?**

**General Assessment of Educational Progress**

Not a test, but a series of tests in various subjects, such as math, reading, and science, which are given to all students in a country.

**Standard of Education Progress test**

Standardized test measure the academic growth of students that range of skills in the skills, responses and behavior which they get by the test.

**Technique to enhance a learning system is referred to an individual tool to solve a problem.**

Test techniques used to solve a range of test and educational process include:

**Types of High-stakes test**

- Standardized tests
- Achievement tests
- Diagnostic tests
- Entrance tests
- Exit tests

**What is High-Stake Testing?**

High-stakes testing is a type of testing that has significant consequences for the student. It is often used to determine a student's grade in a course, or to determine a student's eligibility for a particular program or activity.

**Advantages**

- Provides a common standard of measurement
- Allows for comparison of students' performance
- Provides a clear and objective measure of student achievement
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**Disadvantages**

- Incorrect inference of the student performance
- Less attention on the subject that are not included in the test
- The students decrease the effort due to the disappointment.
- The students become more competitive.
- Decreases the value of the grades.
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**Why do you think High-stakes Testing are continuously practiced in some countries?**

**There are different assumptions that lead five countries to use high-stakes testing:**

- 1- A developed world is due to the country being one high-achieving country.

**Testing the spirit and in serving the students.**

**Other countries have the intention for the evaluator system to improve the students' learning through student test. (Roberts, 2000)**

**Valid to measure the quality of education.**

**To protect the global economy with a country you look to the test score rate.**

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# What does High-Stake Testing mean ?

-Lets break the title down-



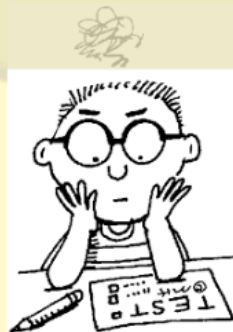
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Testing is finding out how well something works. In terms of human beings, testing tells what level of knowledge or skill has been acquired. In computer hardware and software development, testing is used at key checkpoints in the overall process to determine whether objectives are being met.



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## *What is Testing ?*

To be specific

“Testing is viewed as both a system of monitoring student performance and a vehicle of change driving what is taught and how it is taught, what is learned and how it is learned.” (Madeus G. & Russell M. 2011, p.21)





# *What is Testing ?*

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Also it can be defined as:

Testing, in education and psychology, is an attempt to measure a person's knowledge, intelligence, or other characteristics in a systematic way.

