

## **BEST METHOD OF TESTING (BMT) STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGES**

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India has been progressing in the educational field since the independence. Though there are different methods are available to test the skill of the students' of college level, the writing mode i.e. conventional method of testing the students has been in practice yet there are the other mode such as oral testing, objective type testing etc.. In this paper a group of students are taken for analyzing the Best method of testing (BMT) the students at college level. Using the questionnaire, the students were free and conscious in preferring their testing mode. At the end, majority of the students preferred the Conventional Mode of Testing (CMT) as the Best Method of Testing at college level because it involves a lot of skills where the other modes of testing fails to cover.

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### **Introduction**

The education system has conceived writing pattern as a core part of examination. It is mandatory for every student to write exam starting from kindergarten to higher studies. The quality, durability, trustworthiness, of the product might be checked and tested through various process Though there are different modes of testing a student's knowledge on the subjects but the two standard modes are oral and written exams. The oral exams tests the speaking skills and the presence of mind where as written exams really tests the skills like memory, recalling, ruminating etc. In most of the countries schools, colleges and universities follow written exams as a major testing pattern though it consumes a lot of time, yet it really tests the wholistic academic strength of the students.

### ***Modes of Testing Students***

These are various methods of testing the knowledge and skills of a person such as oral method, objective type, paragraph writing, essay writing, debate, quiz, group discussion, interview etc. It is true that when you take a class of 100 students. If we ask all the students in a class, each one will prefer one mode of testing based on their capability. But we need to test students only through common testing pattern based on what they learned. Students some time practice all the above mentioned level of testing in the schools in different periods but the purpose of this identification how many of them support the particular method as the best method of testing when compared to the other types of testing.

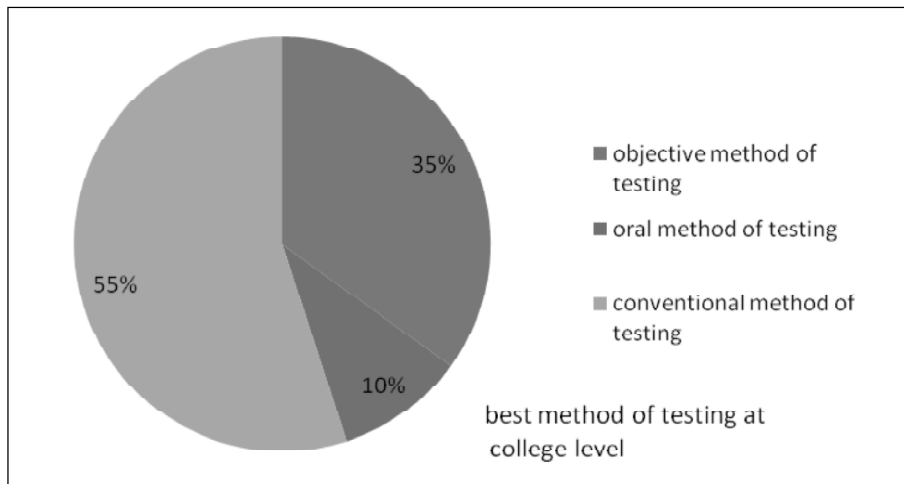
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### ***Sample Testing***

A class room of 100 students was taken for sample testing of best mode of testing the knowledge at college level. A class of 100 was supplied with questionnaire where they can find different modes of testing and they are allowed to choose any one as they prefer. The time given to choose the best mode was twenty minutes the students started to read first the different modes of testing. Many came to know about the new types of testing. After 20 minutes, the questionnaires were collected and analyzed the answers. In choosing the apt method of testing, the students were really confused because each testing method such as Conventional Method of Testing (CMT), Objective Method of Testing (OBMT), Oral Method of Testing (ORMT). Every testing has its own merits and demerits but the students pondered and finally chose the best method of testing that would really help them to carry their academic excellence in their career too.

### ***Analysis of the BMT (best method of testing)***



After the study on BMT (Best Method of Testing), 35% of the students preferred Objective Method of Testing (OBMT) the knowledge.

Reasons to choose OBMT method:

- ❖ It helps us to think deeply
- ❖ We study in detail
- ❖ Less time consumption
- ❖ Easy to evaluate
- ❖ Easy to score high marks

The 10% of the students preferred to have Oral Method of Testing (ORMT) because

The reasons are

- ❖ communication ability will be tested
- ❖ could avoid wasting time in writing
- ❖ it doesn't give any room for too much of imaginative answers

The rest of the students (55%) preferred the Conventional Mode of Testing (CMT) i.e. written mode

The reasons are:

- ❖ We could relax and write
- ❖ Possible to imagination
- ❖ It involves a lot of skills
- ❖ Writing skill is improved
- ❖ Such as presentation, handwriting to be specific

### **Conclusion**

It is true that however in modern word, there may be a lot of advantages of technology to run the life smoother but still there are some places where there is less compromise such as exam (writing) concerned. All the schools, colleges and varsities follow the common mode of testing like writing because it really helps the students to improve their writing skill which helps to use the imagination in preparing answers and presenting in readable way. Therefore, writing mode of testing really enables the students at all level to exhibit their knowledge on the subjects and also presentation skills.

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