



DIFFERENT QUESTION TYPES AND THEIR FUNCTIONS, ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES.

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TYPES OF TEST QUESTIONS

1. Multiple choice
2. Short Answer questions
3. True / False
4. Transformation
5. Gap-filling
6. Cloze Procedure
7. Matching
8. Error correction
9. Essay

1. MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION

The example of Multiple choice:

Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

Cook is _____ today for being one of Britain's most famous explorers.

a. Recommended

b. reminded

c. recognised

d. remembered

► Function:

1. Multiple choice can be used to test most things such as grammar, vocabulary, reading, listening etc.

2. MCQs can be useful in different teaching and testing situation

Advantages and Disadvantages of Multiple Choice Questions

In this question type there is a stem and various options to choose from.

▶ The advantages

1. MCQs are easy to score.
2. with the use of computer technology, the answers can be read by machines, not people.
3. Multiple choice questions test a wide range of higher-order thinking skills

▶ The disadvantage

1. Multiple choice questions are difficult to construct and very time-consuming to create
2. it is still possible for students to just 'guess' without knowing the correct answer.

2. SHORT ANSWER QUESTION

The example of Open Question

Answer the questions.

Why did John steal the money?

- ▶ Here the candidate must answer simple questions after a reading or listening or as part of an oral interview.
- ▶ Function:

These question types are very useful for testing any of the four skills, but less useful for testing grammar or vocabulary.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Open Question

- ▶ Advantage:

 - It can be used to test anything.

- ▶ Disadvantage:

 - if the answer is open-ended it will be more difficult and time consuming to score

3. TRUE / FALSE

Decide if the statement is true or false.

England won the world cup in 1966. T/F

▶ **Function:**

This question type is mostly used to test listening and reading comprehension.

Advantages and Disadvantages of True false Questions

- ▶ Advantage:

 - This type is easy to score

- ▶ Disadvantage:

 - Guessing can result in many correct answers. The best way to counteract this effect is to have a lot of items.

4. TRANSFORMATION

The example of transformation test:

Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

'Do you know what the time is, John?' asked Dave.

Dave asked John _____ (what) _____ it was.

▶ **Function:**

Transformations are particularly effective for testing grammar and understanding of form.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Transformation Test

- ▶ Advantages:

 - This type of task is fairly easy to mark,

- ▶ Disadvantage:

 - This wouldn't be an appropriate question type if you wanted to test skills such as reading or listening.

5. GAP FILLING/FILL IN THE BLANK/COMPLETION

The Example of Gap filling

Complete the sentence.

Check the exchange _____ to see how much your money is worth.

► Function:

Gap-fills can be used to test a variety of areas such as vocabulary, grammar and are very effective at testing listening for specific words.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Gap Filling

- ▶ Advantages:

This type of task is easy to mark and relatively easy to write.

- ▶ Disadvantages:

The teacher must bear in mind though that in some cases there may be many possible correct answers.

6. CLOZE PROCEDURE

- ▶ In its purest form, a cloze consists of the **deletion of every fifth or tenth word in a text**. Because **the procedure is random**, it **avoids test designer failings**.

Example of cloze fragment:

They sat on a bench attached 1 _____ a picnic table. Below them they 2 _____ see the river gurgling between overgrown 3 _____. The sky was diamond blue, with 4 _____ white clouds dancing in the freshening 5 _____. They could hear the call of 6 _____ and the buzzing of countless insects. 7 _____ were completely alone.

- ▶ **Because of the randomness of the deleted words, anything may be tested within a single cloze text: grammar, collocation, fixed phrases, reading comprehension...** Which makes it, at least on the face of it, the perfect testing instrument.

CLOZE OR FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS?

- ▶ Cloze tests look similar to completion or blank-filling tests (b-f ts), but they are different. In **fill in the blanks test**, the **words for deletion** are **selected subjectively** (consisting largely of structural words in grammar tests & key content words in vocabulary or reading tests).
- ▶ In **cloze tests**, however, the **words** are **deleted systematically**.

Advantages and disadvantages of Cloze Procedure

▶ Advantages:

supplying the correct word for a blank **does imply**

- an **understanding of context** &

- a **knowledge of that word and how it functions,**

which makes the cloze technique a very useful technique to use in language tests.

▶ Disadvantages

1. the **score** obtained by the student **depends on** the particular **words** that have been **deleted, rather than on** their general **knowledge of the L2**

2. some items are **more difficult** to supply than others

3. in some cases, there may be **several possible answers**

7. MATCHING

The example of Matching Test

Match the word on the left to the word with the opposite meaning.

<i>fat</i>	<i>old</i>
<i>young</i>	<i>tall</i>
<i>dangerous</i>	<i>thin</i>
<i>short</i>	<i>safe</i>

- With this question type, the candidate must link items from the first column to items in the second. This could be individual words, words and definitions, parts of sentences, pictures to words etc.
- Function:
Matching exercises are most often used to test vocabulary.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Matching Test

- Advantage:
It is easy to Score.
- Disadvantage:
candidates can get the right answers without knowing the words, if she has most of the answers correct she knows the last one left must be right. To avoid this, have more words than is necessary.

8. ERROR CORRECTION

The example of error correction:

Find the mistakes in the sentence and correct them.

Ipswich Town was the more better team on the night.

- ▶ Errors must be found and corrected in a sentence or passage. It could be an extra word, mistakes with verb forms, words missed etc.
- ▶ Function-----→Error correction is useful for testing grammar and vocabulary as well as readings and listening.
- ▶ Disadvantage----→One problem with this question type is that some errors can be corrected in more than one way.

9. ESSAY

- ▶ Essay test consists of questions to which students answer/respond in one or more sentences to a specific question or problem
- ▶ Function:
 - Essay test assesses the student's ability to produce, integrate, and express ideas, and allow students to be original and creative

Types of essay test

1. extended/ unrestricted/ uncontrolled response

- ▶ It allows for an indepth answers of a students' knowledge, thinking processes and problem solving behavior relative to a specific topic

Examples:

Explain the issue about climate change!

Types of essay test

2. restricted/ controlled response

- ▶ The examinee is required to provide limited response based on a specified criterion for answering the question.

Examples:

Explain the cause and effect of air pollution!

Learning outcomes that can be measured effectively with essay items

- ▶ Abilities to
- ▶ 1. explain cause-effect relationship
- ▶ 2. describe application of principles
- ▶ 3. present relevant arguments
- ▶ 4. state necessary assumptions
- ▶ 5. explain methods and procedures
- ▶ 6. produce, organize and express idea
- ▶ 7. integrate learning in different ideas
- ▶ 8. create original forms
- ▶ 9. evaluate the worth of ideas

Types of essay questions by bloom's taxonomy

1. knowledge

- ▶ Remembering, memorizing, recognizing, recalling the information
example:
- ▶ Describe the orientation part in Narrative text!

2. Comprehension

- ▶ Interpreting, retell, organization and selection of facts and ideas
Example:
- ▶ What is meant when a person says, "I had just cross the bridge?"

Types of essay questions by bloom's taxonomy

3. Application

- ▶ Applying information to produce result

example:

- ▶ Give at least 3 sentences using Passive voice!

4. Analysis

- ▶ Separation of a whole into component part such as what are parts or features of, classify..... according to.....,Comparing

Example:

- ▶ Make a comparison between Sangkuriang and Malin Kundang?"
- ▶ Classify the words below based on their parts of speech.

Types of essay questions by bloom's taxonomy

5. Evaluation

- ▶ Development of opinion, judgement or decisions

example:

- ▶ - do you agree.....?
- ▶ - what do you think about.....?
- ▶ - how would you decide about.....?
- ▶ - what criteria would you use to assess.....?

4. Creation

Example:

- ▶ - Make a Narrative Text!

TASK!

A. Please create the questions for testing **GRAMMAR**. 5 questions for each types below.

1. transformation
2. gap fillings
3. error correction

B. Create the questions for testing **VOCABULARY**. 5 questions for each types below.

1. Matching
2. Gap filling
3. Error correction

C. Create cloze Procedure

FORMAT TUGAS

▶ A. Questions for testing grammar

1. Transformation

No	Questions	Answer Key

2. Gap filling

No	Questions	Answer Key

3. Error Correction

No	Questions	Answer Key

FORMAT TUGAS

▶ A. Questions for testing vocabulary

1. Matching

No	Questions	Answer Key

2. Gap filling

No	Questions	Answer Key

3. Error Correction

No	Questions	Answer Key

FORMAT TUGAS

C. Cloze Procedure

CLOZE PROCEDURE	ANSWER KEY