

# Why do we study and take an exam?

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We have all been thinking about and been conscious of various things from the time we became aware of the world around us. While what each person feels and thinks - such as what is good or evil, beautiful or ugly, wonderful or for the benefit of others - is different, all of us have five senses and think about things with our brains. Unfortunately, however, we cannot make other people understand what we think and believe unless we give form to it. Technology is the power to give form to the images in our head

and convey them to others.

People have various techniques for conveying to others what is inside their own heads. Scientists express facts about nature that they have thought about in numerical formulas and writing to tell other people about them. Artists convey the beauty that comes to their minds to others through paintings, music and dance. Finally, technicians convey what they believe to be of value to other people as products. No matter how wonderful what comes to mind is, however, we cannot make other people understand it without giving it a coherent form. For that alone, the technical and expressive abilities to communicate with other people are as essential as the ability to use our brain to think and the power to imagine things.

At the same time, humans can only give shape to what they can picture in their minds. No matter how lofty our technical or expressive capabilities are, we can only create what we can imagine.

Mental pictures are developed by connecting the pieces of knowledge we possess. The more knowledge we have, the more connections we can make. Accordingly, it is essential above all else that we gather knowledge to form more mental pictures. To gather knowledge, we must continuously read, listen and experience. We have to cultivate judgment and understanding, sort through what we have seen, heard and experienced, and make the effort, no matter how difficult, to retain those things in our mind so we can access them at any time. If we gather knowledge and consider it, we will be able to come up with many images inside our head.

Some people call Mozart a musical genius. However, since “genius” means “natural-born talent,” something that is acquired at the moment of birth, other than the senses that is not possible. In that sense, it is said that Mozart’s natural-born talent was a superb memory and ear for music. He excelled at recognizing and memorizing musical passages he heard for only for a moment.

He reorganized the information he had memorized, creating lovely melodies. However, no one would have been able to listen to Mozart's music if it had remained only in his head. He was able to convey the lovely melodies he composed to others because he had the technology to write the music down and perform it. What made Mozart a giant of music were the superb technical abilities he acquired through strenuous study after he was born.

In fact, through the studies we have engaged in since elementary school - language, math, science, social studies, art and others - we have acquired much knowledge as well as comprehension, evaluation and communicative capabilities. The examination we took was one of the stages on which we were able to convey those skills in a form that others can understand. To pass the exam, we had to spend time and effort to memorize many things, practice developing answers by combining what we memorized, and practice expressing those answers verbally or in writing to ensure that the exam marker understood us. If we had not done enough

work in any of those three areas, I believe we would have been dissatisfied with our exam performance.

So my answer to the question marked on the title "Why do we study and take an exam?" is that we become able to make other people understand what we think and believe with forming to it, i.e., we become able to experience the best part about being human.

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