

Assessment for a Science Teacher

Assume

6 classes at 25 students each

150 students

Types of Assessment

1. Exam
2. EEI – Extended Experimental Investigation
3. ERT – Extended Response Task

Amount Per Term

Assume one assessment item per class per term. This is usually LESS THAN what most schools do.

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- ▶ 3 Exams
- ▶ 2 EEIs
- ▶ 1 ERT

Marking Times

- ▶ 75 exams at 25 minutes each is about 25 hours
- ▶ 50 EEIs at 40 minutes each is about 35 hours
- ▶ 25 ERTs at 30 minutes each is about 12 hours

- ▶ **Total of 72 hours of marking**

Also include the drafts that are supposed to be done for the EEIs and ERTs

- ▶ 50 EEIs at 15 minutes is about 12 hours
- ▶ 25 ERTs at 10 minutes is about 4 hours

- ▶ **Total of 16 hours of marking**

This makes a grand total of 88 hours of marking by the teacher for the term!

Make note of this fact: Most of the 72 hours happens in a short time of a few weeks at the end of term!!

Remember some schools have more assessment!

Teachers literally give up entire weekends to mark assessment.

High school teachers are given 3.5 hours per week at school for preparing and marking. Teachers never get that full amount of time due to other demands but let us assume 3 hours per week fully devoted to marking is achieved.

So if the assessment is spread over 3 weeks the teacher has 9 hours at school for marking.

88 hours minus 9 hours leaves 79 hours for the teacher to find outside of school to meet their assessment deadlines.

79 divide by 3 is about 26 hours a week.

26 divide by 7 gives about 3.5 hours

For 3.5 hours every day for 3 weeks a teacher is marking assessment outside of school hours.

As a teacher would like to have a life they will usually cram most of the marking into a weekend.

Also remember that the teacher is also trying to prepare interesting and innovative curriculum materials and activities.

Also remember that all the students are polite, well behaved and self motivated to learn. Going to school and doing the teaching is the easy part.

Also remember that politicians of all parties fully support teachers and the efforts they go to everyday. There are no news stories that tell of a party or politician questioning the intelligence, abilities, capabilities or work ethic of teachers. Nope. Never seen one of those stories.

