Vocabulary Exercise

Examinations Essay

### Can you fill in the gaps of these expressions from the essay with the correct word?

1. … *the approach of using exams to assess students has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in popularity over the alternative of …*
2. *… a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ advantage that examinations have …*
3. *… they leave little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for cheating.*
4. *… exams are usually undertaken in the presence of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whose job it is to …*
5. *… continual assessment increases the risk of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ since assignment are often ….*
6. *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, assessing students via examinations does present some problems.*
7. *… it is no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that even the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of students sometimes perform poorly.*
8. *Another significant disadvantage of this system is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ range of information students are tested on.*
9. *… the small \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of time in tests list how many questions can be asked …*
10. *… it is important to consider that they also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some students’ concentration and are arguably not as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as continual assessments.*

**ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE**

1. **risen**
2. **crucial** (a nice trick for finding quick synonyms here is remembering the word VICES: **V**ital / **I**mportant / **C**rucial / **E**ssential / **S**ignificant. These are **not entirely synonymous**, so *be careful*, but each of these adjectives would fit in this case).
3. **room**
4. **invigilator**
5. **plagiarism**
6. **Nevertheless**
7. **wonder / brightest**
8. **narrow**
9. **window**
10. **harm / thorough**

Careful with the spellings of 4, 5 and 10-b!