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Balancing Act: The Pros and Cons of Standardized Testing

Short Answer Key

1. Standardized tests generate data that can identify strengths and weaknesses in the education system, helping inform curriculum adjustments and instructional strategies.
2. Potential negative consequences include stress and anxiety in students, a narrow focus on test preparation, and concerns about inequity in access to test preparation resources.
3. Standardized test scores are used by many colleges and universities as part of their admissions process. High scores can open doors to educational opportunities and scholarships, making it a pro for students.
4. Critics argue that standardized tests do not consider individual learning styles and needs, potentially limiting the assessment of students' abilities and potential.

