

Custom assessment solutions case study: Student assessment in Qatar

Challenge

- Under a contract with the Evaluation Institute of the Supreme Education Council, State of Qatar, ETS developed tests of Modern Standard Arabic and English as a second language. The objective of the project was to help the Qatar Evaluation Institute evaluate their students in grades 4 through 11. The project started in 2002 and lasted 3 years.

Role of ETS

- ETS was responsible for:
 - Developing tests for grades 4 through 11
 - Scoring and analysing the results from the spring administrations
 - Developing test specifications and blueprints, writing and field-testing the multiple-choice and essay questions, and assembling test forms
 - Preparing ancillary assessment materials such as administration manuals and practice tests
 - Scoring the essays and multiple-choice questions following test administration
 - Performing statistical and psychometric analyses to create a scaled score for each student that would allow linking of scores vertically across grades