Directions: In this question, you will be asked to give your opinion about a familiar topic. After you hear the question, you will have 15 seconds to prepare your response and 45 seconds to speak.

Some professors give final grades based on numerous small quizzes, homework, and mid-term and final exams. Other professors only give final grades based on one or two examinations. Which method do you think gives a better representation of a student’s abilities and why? Give details and examples in your opinion.
I think a better representation of a student’s abilities would be a final grade based on numerous quizzes, homework, and two big exams. There are lots of people who are just bad test-takers. A student could study all semester day and night for an exam, and then on the last day of class, the student could suddenly forget lots of things. Any other day of the semester, the student would be able to explain to you all the material they have studied, but the student stresses out over the one or two tests and then doesn’t do well on them. That really wouldn’t be a very good representation of the student’s abilities. If there were lots of little opportunities to test the student, in a more stress-free atmosphere, the student could really show what they have learned. Also, for a test day, the student could be sick and has to spend time going to the bathroom and blowing his nose. This could really cut into the time it takes for a test and not allow the student to finish.