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How deep learning—from Google Translate to driverless cars to personal cognitive assistants—is changing our lives and transforming every sector of the economy. The deep learning revolution has brought us driverless cars, the greatly improved Google Translate, fluent conversations with Siri and Alexa, and enormous profits from automated trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Deep learning networks can play poker better than professional poker players and defeat a world champion at Go. In this book, Terry Sejnowski explains how deep learning went from being an arcane academic field to a disruptive technology in the information economy. Sejnowski played an important role in the founding of deep learning, as one of a small group of researchers in the 1980s who challenged the prevailing logic-and-symbol based version of AI. The new version of AI Sejnowski and others developed, which became deep learning, is fueled instead by data. Deep networks learn from data in the same way that babies experience the world, starting with fresh eyes and gradually acquiring the skills needed to navigate novel environments. Learning algorithms extract information from raw data; information can be used to create knowledge; knowledge underlies understanding; understanding leads to wisdom. Someday a driverless car will know the road better than you do and drive with more skill; a deep learning network will diagnose your illness; a personal cognitive assistant will augment your puny human brain. It took nature many millions of years to evolve human intelligence; AI is on a trajectory measured in decades. Sejnowski prepares us for a deep learning future.

2014 International Conference on Education and Management Science (ICEMS2014) will be held in Beijing, China on August 19–20, 2014. The main purpose of this conference is to provide a common forum for researchers, scientists, and students from all over the world to present their recent findings, ideas, developments and application in the border areas of Education and Management Science. It will also report progress and development of methodologies, technologies, planning and implementation, tools and standards in information systems. Education is an internal topic. It is a process of delivering knowledge in a basic meaning. Humans are hard to define the actual definition of education. But it is the key point for our society to step forward. Management science is the discipline that adapts the scientific approach for problem solving to help managers making informed decisions. The goal of management science is to recommend the course of action that is expected to yield the best outcome with what is available.

Based on a large-scale international study of teachers in Los Angeles, Chicago, Ontario, and New York, this book illustrates the ways increased use of high-stakes standardized testing is fundamentally changing education in the US and Canada with a negative overall impact on the way teachers teach and students learn. Standardized testing makes understanding students' strengths and

weaknesses more difficult, and class time spent on testing consumes scarce time and attention needed to support the success of all students—further disadvantaging ELLs, students with exceptionalities, low income, and racially minoritized students.

This edition of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Minerals Yearbook discusses the performance of the worldwide minerals and materials industries during year 2013 and provides background information to assist in interpreting that performance. These annual reviews are designed to provide timely statistical data on mineral commodities in various countries. This volume covers data from Asia and the Pacific. Each report includes sections on government policies and programs, environmental issues, trade and production data, industry structure and ownership, commodity sector developments, infrastructure, and a summary outlook. Audience: Government employees and contractors, as well as businesses and employees, all working in mineral-related trades, especially with interests in statistics about mineral commodities overseas, will find this resource invaluable.

Lesson Study has been shown to be a systematic way of building teachers' knowledge by allowing them to share their knowledge with each other. While much has been written about the benefits of Lesson Study in science and mathematics education, this book analyses its impact on education for children with special needs. It studies the ways in which the Lesson Study process is implemented in different educational contexts in the Netherlands, Singapore, the UK, and Sweden—countries which propagate more inclusive learning environments regardless of varying degrees of student capacities. In addition to making transcultural comparisons regarding concepts, procedures, and instruments in the use of Lesson Study in these four countries, this book will provide practice-based suggestions for teachers to formulate collaborative lesson plans.

The only text to comprehensively address the assessment of student learning in a wide variety of settings. Long considered the gold standard for evaluation and testing in nursing education, the sixth edition of this classic text provides expert, comprehensive guidance in the assessment of student learning in a wide variety of settings, as well as the evaluation of instructor and program effectiveness. It presents fundamental measurement and evaluation concepts that will aid nurse educators in the design, critique, and use of appropriate tests and evaluation tools. Important social, ethical, and legal issues associated with testing and evaluation also are explored, including the prevention of cheating and academic policies for testing, grading, and progression. Written by experts in the field of nursing education, *Evaluation and Testing in Nursing Education* features practical advice on the development of test blueprints; creation of all types of test items, including next-generation NCLEX-style items; the assembly, administration, and scoring of tests; test/item analyses and interpretation; evaluation of higher levels of learning; assessment of written assignments; and suggestions for creating

tests in online courses and programs. An entire section is devoted to clinical evaluation processes and methods, including the use of simulation for assessment and high-stakes evaluation, clinical evaluation in distance settings, and the use of technology for remote evaluation of clinical performance. The text meets the National League for Nursing Certified Nurse Educator Competency #3: Use Assessment and Evaluation Strategies. **NEW TO THE SIXTH EDITION:** Expanded coverage of test item analysis and interpretation Expanded coverage of clinical evaluation processes and methods Guidance on how to work with part-time clinical educators and preceptors to ensure that evaluation processes are followed consistently Expanded content on the construction and administration of online tests Tips for adapting test bank items and other item-writing resources Guidelines for the design of academic policies for academic integrity, testing, grading, and progression **KEY FEATURES:** Describes how to develop test blueprints and assemble, administer, write, and analyze tests Provides guidelines for the selection of standardized tests for a nursing curriculum Details how to evaluate written assignments with sample scoring rubrics Includes a robust ancillary package: Instructor's Manual (with sample syllabus, course modules, learning activities, discussion questions, assessment strategies, and online resources) and chapter PowerPoint slides Purchase includes digital access for use on most mobile devices or computers

Considered the "gold standard" for evaluation and testing in nursing education, this fifth edition of the classic text helps educators to assess the level of learning achieved in the classroom, in clinical settings, and online with expanded coverage of essential concepts in assessment, evaluation, and testing in a wider variety of learning environments. It presents new content on evaluation in online programs and testing and features a new chapter on using simulation for assessment and high-stakes evaluations. Also included is updated information on clinical evaluation and program evaluation along with current research featuring new examples and tools. The fifth edition expands content on standardized tests, including how to write test items for licensure and certification exam prep, and provides new information on developing rubrics for assessing written assignments. The fifth edition is distinguished from other texts by its focus on developing a framework that integrates all types of evaluation in a nursing program. It addresses how to develop a test blueprint and assemble, administer, write, and analyze tests. It provides rubrics for scoring tests and written assignments along with examples. Its guidelines for preventing cheating and conducting productive post-test discussions are especially helpful to educators. Additionally, the book explores important social, ethical, and legal issues associated with testing and evaluation. It meets National League for Nursing's Certification Competency #3: Use Assessment and Evaluation Strategies. **NEW TO THE FIFTH EDITION:** Expanded coverage of essential concepts in assessment, evaluation, and testing in classroom and clinical education A new chapter on using simulation for assessment and high-stakes evaluation New

information on evaluation in online courses, programs, and testing Expanded content on clinical evaluation and program evaluation Current research and new examples and tools How to write test items that prepare students for licensure and certification exams Expanded coverage on developing rubrics for assessing written assignments KEY FEATURES: Describes how to develop a test blueprint and assemble, administer, write, and analyze tests Provides sample grading rubrics Demonstrates strategies for evaluating higher levels of learning Explains how to evaluate written assignments with sample scoring rubrics Includes an Instructor's Manual with sample syllabus, PowerPoint slides, and an online course with 17 modules, each with student learning activities, discussion questions, and online resources

This report provides an assessment of Viet Nam's secondary education sector, including technical and vocational education training programs. The report reviews sector achievements and challenges as well as the Government of Viet Nam's strategy and policies. It also outlines how the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and other development partners have contributed to the sector. The report provides recommendations on measures to boost access to secondary education and to improve its overall quality and management.

This case book is the ideal text for Operating Department Practitioners (ODPs), as well as student ODPs and nurses preparing to work in perioperative care. Delivering individualised, holistic and evidence-based care can be challenging in the perioperative setting, requiring the practitioner to apply specialist clinical knowledge to each individual patient. This text presents 20 interactive case studies that will support the reader in assimilating a wide range of professional knowledge in order to develop a comprehensive plan of care for patients they encounter. The practical cases:

- Demonstrate how care will vary depending on the patient's physiological assessment and their personal, social, cultural and emotional needs
- Will consolidate the reader's learning around pathophysiology, pharmacology, assessment skills and clinical skills
- Include common clinical procedures as well as those that are more complex and require a deeper analysis of the evidence in order to improve patient care.
- Use "Stop and Think" boxes to encourage readers to reflect on key points within the case study, in order to develop their own knowledge and assist in their CPD

This text will support all learners, at both pre- and post-registration level as they develop their knowledge of perioperative care. Its goal is to help the practitioner deliver excellent and confident care in perioperative practice and in other healthcare settings. "Although clearly targeted at the student Operating Department Practitioner, Abbott and Wordsworth have produced a learning resource that any learner in the perioperative environment will find both informative and a useful learning aid. The editors have set out the twenty patient case studies in a sequence that allows the student to work through them as their course and competence progresses, although students can dip into the case studies in any order that supports their current clinical placement. The section introducing

perioperative care is essential reading for any perioperative practitioner, with an up-to-date introduction to the latest concepts of teamwork and human factors in patient safety. Coupled with the patient-centred focus of the case studies this provides any reader with an understanding of the changing approach to patient care in the perioperative environment.” Bill Kilvington, President, College of Operating Department Practitioners, UK “I have read this book several times and found that the chapter contents are excellent. This book will be useful for ODPs and theatre nurses, it will enhance their knowledge and skills and may also enhance their abilities to work in operating departments and care well for patients. The book covers preoperative care, intraoperative care and postoperative care which is essential for all practitioners working in operating departments. The content of this book is very informative and will be of great use to both students and qualified practitioners. I find it very impressive and I envisage it to be very useful to all theatre practitioners!” Paul Wicker, formerly Head of Perioperative Studies, Edge Hill University, UK and Visiting Professor, Nanjing University, China.

In *Exam Literacy: A guide to doing what works (and not what doesn't) to better prepare students for exams*, Jake Hunton focuses on the latest cognitive research into revision techniques and delivers proven strategies which actually work. Foreword by Professor John Dunlosky. 'Read, highlight, reread, repeat if such a revision cycle sounds all too wearily familiar, you and your students need a better route to exam success. And in light of the recent decision to make all subjects at GCSE linear, so that students will be tested in one-off sittings, it will be even more important that students are well equipped to acquire and recall key content ahead of their exams. In this wide-ranging guide to effective exam preparation, Jake Hunton casts a careful eye over a wide range of research into revision techniques and details the strategies which have been proven to deliver the best results. With plenty of practical suggestions and subject-specific examples, *Exam Literacy* provides teachers with user-friendly advice on how they can make the content they cover stick, and shares up-to-date, evidence-based information on: The nature of learning and the various types of memory. How to improve students' retention of knowledge and recall of content. Why popular revision techniques, such as rereading, highlighting and summarising, may not be as effective as you think. How revision strategies that have been identified as being more effective such as interleaving, elaborative interrogation, self-explanation and retrieval practice can be embedded into day-to-day teaching. How students can be encouraged to make use of these winning strategies when revising independently.

This update to *SAT Wars* provides new evidence in the case against standardized college entry tests, including the experiences of test-optional colleges. *The Scandal of Standardized Tests* sheds significant light on key problems such as: Are the tests stronger proxies for race and family income today than they were 20 years ago? Does going test-optional promote racial and

economic diversity? Are there any differences in academic records between students admitted without test scores and those with them? How does testing figure into race-sensitive admissions legal controversies? Why is the College Board's "environmental dashboard" inadequate as a way to create a fair playing field? How are the odds of attending and graduating from college stacked against low-income youths and racial minorities? What does the FBI Varsity Blues sting tell us about college admissions in America? Contributors: Jon Boeckenstedt, Michael DeWitt, Paul Fain, Valerie W. Franks, Saul Geiser, Philip Handwerk, William C. Hiss, William C. Kidder, Jay Rosner, Robert A. Schaeffer, Joseph A. Soares, Steve Syverson.

Developing novel and more effective treatments that improve quality of life for individuals with autism spectrum disorders is urgently needed. To date a wide range of behavioral interventions have been shown to be safe and effective for improving language and cognition and adaptive behavior in children and adolescents with ASD. However many people with ASD can receive additional benefit from targeted pharmacological interventions. One of the major drawback in setting up therapeutics intervention is the remarkable individual differences found across individuals with ASD. As a matter of fact the medications that are currently available address only symptoms associated with ASD and not the core domains of social and communication dysfunction. The pathogenesis paradigm shift of ASD towards synaptic abnormalities moved the research to pathway to disease that involve multiple systems and that are becoming the forefront of ASD treatment and are pointing toward the development of new targeted treatments. Some new therapeutics have been tested and others are being studied. In this context single gene disorders frequently associated with ASD such as Rett Syndrome, Fragile X and Tuberous Sclerosis have been of significant aid as neurobiology of these disorders is more clear and has a potential to shed light on the altered signaling in ASD. However much research is needed to further understand the basic mechanisms of disease and the relationship to idiopathic ASD. Clinical trials in children are underway with agents directed to core symptoms and to the associated disorders in the search of new therapeutics and progress are expected with possible new option for therapeutics in ASD in the upcoming future. Children and Adolescents with ASD and their families can provide important information about their experience with new treatments and this should be a priority for future research. In addition, research performed on genetic mouse models of ASD will keep on providing useful information on the molecular pathways disrupted in the disease, thus contributing to identify novel drug targets.

This book explores the possibilities that exist within educational spaces for Black male students when teachers care for these students while also acknowledging the intersectionality of Black male identity and the potential oppression and resilience that they experience as the result.

The Old Boys
The Decline and Rise of the Public School
Yale University Press

The rising reliance on testing in American education and for licensure and certification has been accompanied by an escalation in cheating on tests at all levels. Edited by two of the foremost experts on the subject, the Handbook of Quantitative Methods for Detecting Cheating on Tests offers a comprehensive compendium of increasingly sophisticated data forensics used to investigate whether or not cheating has occurred. Written for practitioners, testing professionals, and scholars in testing, measurement, and assessment, this volume builds on the claim that statistical evidence often requires less of an inferential leap to conclude that cheating has taken place than do other, more common sources of evidence. This handbook is organized into sections that roughly correspond to the kinds of threats to fair testing represented by different forms of cheating. In Section I, the editors outline the fundamentals and significance of cheating, and they introduce the common datasets to which chapter authors' cheating detection methods were applied. Contributors describe, in Section II, methods for identifying cheating in terms of improbable similarity in test responses, preknowledge and compromised test content, and test tampering. Chapters in Section III concentrate on policy and practical implications of using quantitative detection methods. Synthesis across methodological chapters as well as an overall summary, conclusions, and next steps for the field are the key aspects of the final section.

Interpret the WISC–V to help diagnose learning disabilities and to translate profiles of test scores to educational action The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children—Fifth Edition (WISC–V) is a valuable tool for assessing children and adolescents with learning disorders—and Intelligent Testing with the WISC–V offers the comprehensive guidance you need to administer, score, and interpret WISC–V profiles for informing diagnoses and making meaningful educational recommendations. This essential resource provides you with cutting-edge expertise on how to interpret the WISC–V, which has an expanded test structure, additional subtests, and an array of new composites. Intelligent Testing offers valuable advice from experienced professionals with regard to clinically applying the WISC–V in an effort to understand a child's strengths and weaknesses—and to create a targeted, appropriate intervention plan. Ultimately, this book equips you with the information you need to identify the best theory-based methods for interpreting each child's profile of test scores within the context of his or her background and behaviors. Intelligent Testing provides a strong theoretical basis for interpreting the WISC–V from several vantage points, such as neuropsychological processing theory and the Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC) model, yet it permits you to interpret children's profiles using simple, straightforward steps. The most frequently used IQ test in the world, the WISC–V (like previous versions of the WISC) plays an integral role in evaluating children for learning and intellectual disabilities, developmental and language delays, and gifted and talented classifications. As such, understanding how to use the latest version of WISC is extremely important when assessing children and adolescents ages 6 to 16 years. Explore all aspects of both the conventional WISC–V and WISC–V Digital Read objective, independent test reviews of the WISC–V from independent, highly-respected expert sources Review 17 clinical case reports that spotlight experiences of children and adolescents referred to psychologists for diverse reasons such as reading problems, specific learning disabilities, ADHD, intellectual giftedness, and autistic spectrum disorders Learn how a broad-based, multi-faceted approach to interpretation that calls upon several scientific concepts from the fields of cognitive neuroscience, clinical and school neuropsychology, neuropsychological processing, and the CHC model, can benefit children by providing meaningful recommendations to parents, teachers, and often to the children and adolescents themselves Use the results of WISC–V as a helping agent to assist in creating the best intervention plan, rather than allowing test results to dictate placement or labeling Intelligent Testing with the WISC–V is an indispensable resource for professionals who work with the WISC–V, including school psychologists, clinical psychologists, educational diagnosticians, and more.

After 3 years of historic reforms, Myanmar has entered a pivotal stage in its socioeconomic development. Natural, cultural, and demographic advantages are positioning the country for long-term success, but many challenges and potential pitfalls lie ahead. This publication examines how to leverage the opportunities and offers solutions to the challenges. For Myanmar to achieve its economic transition, considerable investments will have to be made in infrastructure and developing human capital, and progress made on building institutional capacity, a regulatory environment for the private sector to flourish, and a modern finance sector. In all reform efforts, the government should embrace good governance, and strive for inclusive, environmentally sustainable, and regionally connected growth. Ensuring that the benefits of growth are shared broadly and regionally balanced stands out in a crowded development agenda.

Focus your curriculum to heighten student achievement. Learn 10 high-leverage team actions for mathematics instruction and assessment. Discover the actions your team should take before a unit of instruction begins, as well as the actions and formative assessments that should occur during instruction. Examine how to most effectively reflect on assessment results, and prepare for the next unit of instruction.

This volume, covering metals and minerals, contains chapters on approximately 90 commodities. In addition, this volume has chapters on mining and quarrying trends and on statistical surveying methods used by Minerals Information, plus a statistical summary.

Test Prep Books' ACS General Chemistry Study Guide: Test Prep and Practice Test Questions for the American Chemical Society General Chemistry Exam [Includes Detailed Answer Explanations] Made by Test Prep Books experts for test takers trying to achieve a great score on the ACS General Chemistry exam. This comprehensive study guide includes: Quick Overview Find out what's inside this guide! Test-Taking Strategies Learn the best tips to help overcome your exam! Introduction Get a thorough breakdown of what the test is and what's on it! Atomic Structure Electronic Structure Formula Calculations and the Mole Stoichiometry Solutions and Aqueous Reactions Heat and Enthalpy Structure and Bonding States of Matter Kinetics Equilibrium Acids and Bases Solubility Equilibria Electrochemistry Nuclear Chemistry Practice Questions Practice makes perfect! Detailed Answer Explanations Figure out where you went wrong and how to improve! Studying can be hard. We get it. That's why we created this guide with these great features and benefits: Comprehensive Review: Each section of the test has a comprehensive review created by Test Prep Books that goes into detail to cover all of the content likely to appear on the test. Practice Test Questions: We want to give you the best practice you can find. That's why the Test Prep Books practice questions are as close as you can get to the actual ACS General Chemistry test. Answer Explanations: Every single problem is followed by an answer explanation. We know it's frustrating to miss a question and not understand why. The answer explanations will help you learn from your mistakes. That way, you can avoid missing it again in the future. Test-Taking Strategies: A test taker has to understand the material that is being covered and be familiar with the latest test taking strategies. These strategies are necessary to properly use the time provided. They also help test takers complete the test without making any errors. Test Prep Books has provided the top test-taking tips. Customer Service: We love taking care of our test takers. We make sure that you interact with a real human being when you email your comments or concerns. Anyone planning to take this exam should take advantage of this Test Prep Books study guide. Purchase it today to receive access to: ACS General Chemistry review materials ACS General Chemistry exam Test-taking strategies

Volume 6 of the set. Gilson on Trademarks, the definitive trademark law treatise, features: • Comprehensive and current treatment of trademark law in the United States, with clear explanations of basic principles and expert discussion of complex issues • Detailed analysis of infringement, trade dress, right of publicity, false advertising, counterfeiting, dilution and

trademark law remedies with extensive case citation • Full coverage of domain name registration and protection under U.S. law and the UDRP • More than 450 trademark practice forms on all aspects of USPTO proceedings, complete with drafting guides, practice tips and filing requirements • Practice forms and drafting guides for federal and state trademark litigation, assignments, licenses, recordal with Customs and domain name challenges • Four volumes of legislative history of the Lanham Act, organized by section • Reprint of USPTO's Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure (TMEP) • USPTO's Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual (ID Manual) • USPTO's Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure (TBMP) The eBook version of this title features links to Lexis Advance for further legal research options.

The OECD has initiated PISA for Development (PISA-D) in response to the rising need of developing countries to collect data about their education systems and the capacity of their student bodies.

A university campus is a place with special resonance: conjuring images of cloistered quadrangles and wood-panelled libraries, often echoing centuries of scholarly tradition. And yet it is also a place of cutting-edge science, interactive learning, youth, vibrancy, and energy. It is this dual nature which makes the physical environment of a university so dynamic as well as a highly challenging landscape to design and manage successfully. Today, the scale of the pressures and the rate of change facing higher education institutions are greater than ever. Squeezed public spending, rising tuition fees and the growing education ambitions of developing nations are set against a backdrop of rapid technological progress and changing pedagogies. What are the repercussions for the physical realities of university planning and architecture? And how are university campuses adapting to contend with these pressures? University Trends introduces the most significant, widespread and thought-provoking trends in campus design today. Part 1 identifies current trends such as starchitecture, large-scale campus extensions, adaptive re-use, and international branch campuses. Part 2 profiles each trend via highly-illustrated, global case studies of well-publicised as well as lesser-known projects. The essential guide to current and future trends in campus design.

Through firsthand accounts of classroom practices, this new book ties 130 years of progressive education to social justice work. Based on their commitments to the principle of the equal moral worth of all people, progressive teachers have challenged the obstacles of schooling that prevent some people from participating as full partners in social life in and out of the classroom and have constructed classroom and social arrangements that enable all to participate as peers in the decisions that influence their lives. Progressive reading education has been and remains key to these ties, commitments, challenges, and constructions. The three goals in this book are to show that there are viable and worthy alternatives to the current version of "doing school"; to provide evidence of how progressive teachers have accommodated expanding notions of social justice across time, taking up issues of economic distribution of resources during the first half of the 20th century, adding the cultural recognition of the civil rights of more groups during the second half, and now, grappling with political representation of groups and individuals as national boundaries become porous; and to build coalitions around social justice work among advocates of differing, but complementary, theories and practices of literacy work. In progressive classrooms from Harlem to Los Angeles and Milwaukee to Fairhope, Alabama, students have used reading in order to make sense of and sense in changing times, working across economic, cultural, and political dimensions of social justice. Over 100 teacher stories invite readers to join the struggle to continue the pursuit of a just democracy in America.

How do the benefits of higher education compare with its costs, and how does this comparison vary across individuals and institutions? These questions are fundamental to quantifying the productivity of the education sector. The studies in Productivity in Higher Education use rich

and novel administrative data, modern econometric methods, and careful institutional analysis to explore productivity issues. The authors examine the returns to undergraduate education, differences in costs by major, the productivity of for-profit schools, the productivity of various types of faculty and of outcomes, the effects of online education on the higher education market, and the ways in which the productivity of different institutions responds to market forces. The analyses recognize five key challenges to assessing productivity in higher education: the potential for multiple student outcomes in terms of skills, earnings, invention, and employment; the fact that colleges and universities are “multiproduct” firms that conduct varied activities across many domains; the fact that students select which school to attend based in part on their aptitude; the difficulty of attributing outcomes to individual institutions when students attend more than one; and the possibility that some of the benefits of higher education may arise from the system as a whole rather than from a single institution. The findings and the approaches illustrated can facilitate decision-making processes in higher education.

Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) is the most recycled plastic in the world. This book covers all from the world market of PET to the many technologies and processes developed for separation, decontamination, recycling and manufacturing into food-grade and non-food-grade products of PET. Also, regulations, testing methods and analytical procedures according to the current regulatory framework are presented.

This book confronts some of the main controversies in higher education, particularly those affecting first-year students: high-stakes testing in general (particularly the SAT), the intensification of student debt and the financial sentence imposed upon all who incur it, and the dramatic pressures placed upon freshmen as they transition to college.

This volume presents select papers presented during the Second International Conference on Waste Management held at IIT Guwahati. The book comprises of eight sections, and deals with various technologies associated with curbing of different environmental issues as well as management and legislative policies associated with them. This book will be of interest to various researchers, students, policy makers and people who pursue keen interest in the waste management techniques and policies.

My Sociology reconceptualizes intro sociology for the changing demographics in today’s higher education environment. Concise and student-focused, My Sociology captures students’ attention with engaging stories and a focus on non-dominant populations. Rather than introducing students to theory and history at the beginning of the text, the book integrates the necessary information throughout to keep students engaged.

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To many in the United Kingdom, the British public school remains the disliked and mistrusted embodiment of privilege and elitism. They have educated many of the country’s top bankers and politicians over the centuries right up to the present, including the present Prime Minister. David Turner’s vibrant history of Great Britain’s public schools, from the foundation of Winchester College in 1382 to the modern day, offers a fresh reappraisal of the controversial educational system. Turner argues that public schools are, in fact, good for the nation and are presently enjoying their true “Golden Age,” countering the long-held belief that these institutions achieved their greatest glory during Great Britain’s Victorian Era. Turner’s engrossing and enlightening work is rife with colorful stories of schoolboy revolts, eccentric heads, shocking corruption, and financial collapse. His thoughtful appreciation of these learning establishments follows the progression of public schools from their sometimes

brutal and inglorious pasts through their present incarnations as vital contributors to the economic, scientific, and political future of the country.

Published by OpenStax College, U.S. History covers the breadth of the chronological history of the United States and also provides the necessary depth to ensure the course is manageable for instructors and students alike. U.S. History is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of most courses. The authors introduce key forces and major developments that together form the American experience, with particular attention paid to considering issues of race, class and gender. The text provides a balanced approach to U.S. history, considering the people, events and ideas that have shaped the United States from both the top down (politics, economics, diplomacy) and bottom up (eyewitness accounts, lived experience).

The new generation of tests is faced with new challenges. In the K-12 setting, the new learning targets are intended to assess higher-order thinking skills and prepare students to be ready for college and career and to keep American students competitive with their international peers. In addition, the new generation of state tests requires the use of technology in item delivery and embedding assessment in real-world, authentic, situations. It further requires accurate assessment of students at all ability levels. One of the most important questions is how to maintain test fairness in the new assessments with technology innovative items and technology delivered tests. In the traditional testing programs such as licensure and certification tests and college admission tests, test fairness has constantly been a key psychometric issue in test development and this continues to be the case with the national testing programs. As test fairness needs to be addressed throughout the whole process of test development, experts from state, admission, and licensure tests will address test fairness challenges in the new generation assessment. The book chapters clarify misconceptions of test fairness including the use of admission test results in cohort comparison, the use of international assessment results in trend evaluation, whether standardization and fairness necessarily mean uniformity when test-takers have different cultural backgrounds, and whether standardization can insure fairness. More technically, chapters also address issues related to how compromised items and test fairness are related to classification decisions, how accessibility in item development and accommodation could be mingled with technology, how to assess special populations with dyslexia, using Blinder-Oaxaca Decomposition for differential item functioning detection, and differential feature functioning in automated scoring. Overall, this book addresses test fairness issues in state assessment, college admission testing, international assessment, and licensure tests. Fairness is discussed in the context of culture and special populations. Further, fairness related to performance assessment and automated scoring is a focus as well. This book provides a very good source of information related to test fairness issues in test development in the new generation of assessment where technology is highly involved.

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