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- Section 1 explores the issues of classroom assessment.
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- Section 3 considers specific assessment challenges for English language learners and special needs students.
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