PRO-CON GRID

Description:

Students write quick lists of pros and cons to help them more clearly consider an issue. This assessment provides information of students' objectivity and extent of analysis.

Step-by-Step Procedure:

- 1. Identify a decision, judgment, dilemma, or issue that is relevant to the course.
- 2. Create a prompt to elicit pros and cons. You may specify a particular point of view for the students to adopt when considering the issue.
- 3. Identify how many pros and cons should be identified and then describe the response format you expect from the students.
- 4. Prepare the questionnaire to be display ready by writing it on the board, a transparency, or digitally projected. It could also be written on half-sheets of paper and distributed to the students. It is important that the prompts are presented in writing. Do not only read the question(s).
- 5. Hand out index cards or half-sheets of paper. It is best if students do not write their names, unless there is a very good reason to know who wrote which comments.