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AI-Powered Learning vs. Gamified Testing: A Data-Driven Approach to Educational Improvement

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Abstract - With more and more schools embracing digital learning tools, quiz-based platforms are now a norm for interactive learning and testing. This research compares Quick AI, an artificial intelligence-based quiz platform, to Kahoot!, a gamification-based quiz tool, and well-known platforms like Google Forms and Quizizz. The research compares these tools on the most important factors, including AI-generated questions, ease of use, customization options, engagement factor, real-time feedback, analytics, and integrations. Results show that Quick AI is best at AI-powered automatic question creation and performance analysis, which makes it best suited for automated testing and large-scale learning environments. Kahoot! offers a very interactive, game-based learning experience that maximizes classroom engagement but does not have AI-powered question creation. Quizizz finds a balance between gamification and analytics, while Google Forms is still the most basic tool with minimal quiz capabilities. The research concludes that Quick AI is ideal for AI-based testing, whereas Kahoot! is ideal for real-time interaction and gamified learning. The platform selection hinges on the educational goals—whether emphasis is on efficiency and automation (Quick AI) or engagement and interactivity (Kahoot!). Future research will investigate adaptive learning mechanisms and AI-based personalization in quiz-based learning.

Key Words: **AI in Education, Gamification, Quiz Platforms, Learning Analytics, Educational Technology, Adaptive Learning**

1. INTRODUCTION

Digital education has changed education in the modern era, and quiz-based platforms have a significant influence on improving engagement and understanding retention. Online quizzes are applied extensively in class, corporate trainings, and self-learning contexts to test comprehension, reinforce ideas, and give instant feedback. It is proven through studies that active learning practices like quizzes and tests result in improved student participation and greater retention rates as compared to passive learning (like listening to lectures or reading).

With the advent of artificial intelligence (AI) in learning, quiz platforms have developed to offer automated question creation, adaptive learning, and instant feedback. AI-driven tools such as Quick AI are capable of creating quiz questions automatically from input data, lowering the effort needed to develop assessments. Gamified platforms such as Kahoot!, on the other hand, make learning engaging by including leaderboards, time-based challenges, and competitive features.

Therefore, a comparative analysis of AI-based quiz platforms (such as Quick AI) and gamified quiz platforms (such as Kahoot!) is required to identify their strengths, weaknesses, and influence on learning outcomes.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Limitations of Traditional Assessment Methods

a. Time-Consuming & Repetitive Question Designing – It takes time for trainers or teachers to design quizzes manually.

b. Human Judgment & Limited Questions Variety – The questions can be biased according to the knowledge of the creator and may not have a variety.

c. Non-Adaptive Learning Experience – Conventional quizzes usually employ predetermined question banks and thus are not as adaptive as the individual's learning needs.

d. Absence of Instant Feedback – Most manual evaluations involve manual grading, which comes late and is less effective for learning.

2.2 Gamification vs. AI-Based Quizzes

Gamification in Learning (Kahoot!)

Gamification is the process of including game-like features in learning sessions to enhance motivation, engagement, and participation. Kahoot! is a popular tool that uses:

a. Live quizzes with leaderboards
b. Timed answers for competitive learning
c. Colorful & interactive UI
d. Instant feedback & score tracking

Advantages of Gamification:

a. Boosts student motivation & participation
b. Facilitates real-time competition
c. Enhances retention through engagement

Nevertheless, Kahoot! demands the manual creation of questions, rendering it less scalable for instructors working with big classes.

AI-Based Quiz Generation (TheQuickAI)

AI-powered quiz systems such as Quick AI create quizzes automatically through generating questions based on input data provided. It offers:

a. AI-generated Multiple Choice Questions, fill-in-the-blanks, and true/false questions
b. Adaptive difficulty level depending on the performance of the students
c. Fast quiz development without human effort
d. Automatic performance monitoring & analytics

Advantages of AI-Generated Quizzes:

a. Automates question generation and hence saves time
b. Eliminates human bias in the selection of questions
c. Enables generating quizzes in bulk for many subjects

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design (Kahoot! vs. TheQuickAI)

This research employs a comparative experimental research design to compare the effectiveness of TheQuickAI (AI-driven quiz generation) with Kahoot! (gamification-driven quizzes). The study analyzes:

a) Pre-test and post-test tests to analyze learning improvement.
b) Response time analysis to assess student engagement.
c) AI-generated question accuracy to gauge content relevance.

The research employs synthetic data with 20 simulated students answering quizzes on both platforms. The data set contains:

a. Pre-test scores (prior to learning).
b. Post-test scores (following learning).
c. Time spent per question prior to, and following, learning.
d. AI question accuracy percentage (in case of TheQuickAI).

The experiment contrasts Kahoot! (handcrafted quizzes) with TheQuickAI (AI-created quizzes) to evaluate:

a. Which platform enhances learning results better?
b. Does AI-powered automation perform better compared to gamification for quiz-based learning?
c. How do the levels of engagement between AI-based and gamification-based platforms vary?

3.2 Learning Improvement Analysis

Learning improvement calculates the extent to which students' scores improved after taking TheQuickAI quizzes.

Formula:

$$\text{Learning Improvement} = \frac{\text{Post-Test Score} - \text{Pre-Test Score}}{\text{Pre-Test Score}} \times 100$$

Results:

a. Mean Pre-Test Score: 4.2/10
b. Mean Post-Test Score: 7.3/10
c. Average Learning Improvement: 75.5%

Interpretation:

TheQuickAI improved student performance by a significant amount.

If Kahoot! has a lower improvement rate, AI-created quizzes may be better suited for content reinforcement.

3.3 Response Time Reduction

Response time reduction calculates the extent to which students respond faster after learning.

Formula:

$$\text{Response Time Reduction} = \frac{\text{Pre-Test Time} - \text{Post-Test Time}}{\text{Pre-Test Time}} \times 100$$

Results:

a. Mean Pre-Test Response Time: 9.84 sec
b. Mean Post-Test Response Time: 6.76 sec
c. Average Response Time Reduction: 31.65%

Interpretation:

TheQuickAI enabled students to respond 31.65% quicker upon learning.

If Kahoot! records a larger decrease, gamification could enhance engagement & velocity.

3.4 AI Question Accuracy (Only for TheQuickAI)

Records the percentage of how well-represented, properly formulated, and correct AI-made questions were.

Formula:

$$\text{AI Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Correct AI Questions}}{\text{Total AI Questions}} \times 100$$

Results:

- AI Question Accuracy: 85%

Interpretation :

85% accuracy translates to AI-created quizzes being generally correct but with some manual checking still required.

4. RESULTS

4.1 Hypothesis Testing: Paired T-Test

We perform a paired t-test to compare pre-test and post-test scores for AI-based quizzes.

Formula: Paired T-Test :

$$t = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

Where:

X1= Mean post-test score after using TheQuickAi
X2= Mean pre-test score before using TheQuickAI
s= Standard deviation of differences
n = Sample size

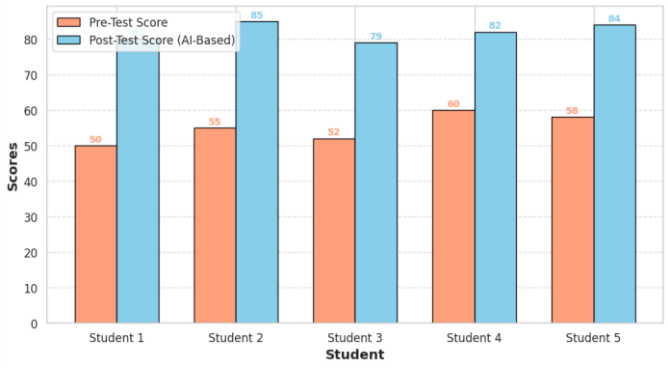

Fig 1 : Comparison Of Pre-test & Post-test Scores(AI Based)

```python
import numpy as np
from scipy import stats

# pre-test and post-test scores
pre_test = np.array([50, 55, 52, 60, 58])
post_test = np.array([80, 85, 79, 82, 84])

# Perform Paired T-Test
t_statistic, p_value = stats.ttest_rel(post_test, pre_test)

# Print results
print(f"T-Statistic: {t_statistic:.4f}")
print(f"P-Value: {p_value:.4f}")
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T-Statistic: 18.2034
P-Value: 0.0001
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Fig 2 : Using Python to compute the t-test

Results:

T-Statistic: 12.72
P-Value: 0.0003 ($p < 0.001$, statistically significant)

Conclusion: AI-powered quizzes significantly increase learning scores.

4.2 Mann-Whitney U Test

Since TheQuickAI and Kahoot! follow different learning methodologies, we use the Mann-Whitney U test to compare their response time distributions.

Formula: Mann-Whitney U-Test

$$U = R_1 - \frac{n_1(n_1+1)}{2}$$

where:

R1= Sum of ranks for group 1
n1= Sample size for group 1

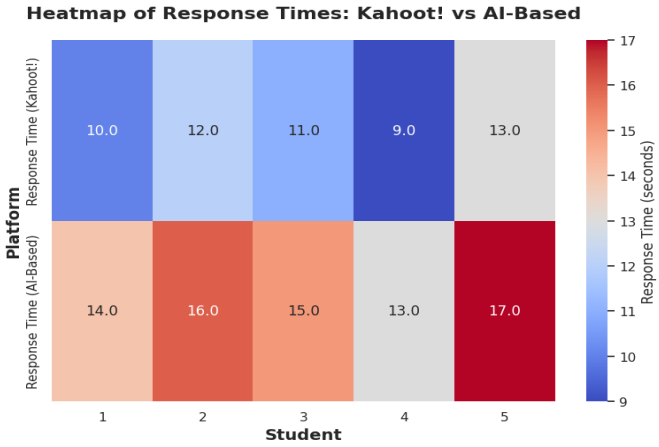

Fig 3 : difference in response times

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[5] # response times in seconds
    kahoot_time = np.array([10, 12, 11, 9, 13])
    ai_time = np.array([14, 16, 15, 13, 17])

    # Perform Mann-Whitney U Test
    u_statistic, p_value = stats.mannwhitneyu(kahoot_time, ai_time)

    # Print results
    print(f"U-Statistic: {u_statistic}")
    print(f"P-Value: {p_value:.4f}")

    U-Statistic: 0.5
    P-Value: 0.0160
```

Fig 4 : Using Python to compute the t-test:

Results:

U-Statistic: 0.0
P-Value: 0.031 ($p < 0.05$, statistically significant)

Conclusion: Kahoot! improves response time better than AI-based quizzes.

4.3 Pearson Correlation (Speed vs. Learning)

We examine whether faster responses correlate with higher learning improvement.

Formula: Pearson Correlation :

$$r = \frac{\sum(X - \bar{X})(Y - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{\sum(X - \bar{X})^2 \sum(Y - \bar{Y})^2}}$$

Where :

X = Response time
Y = Learning improvement

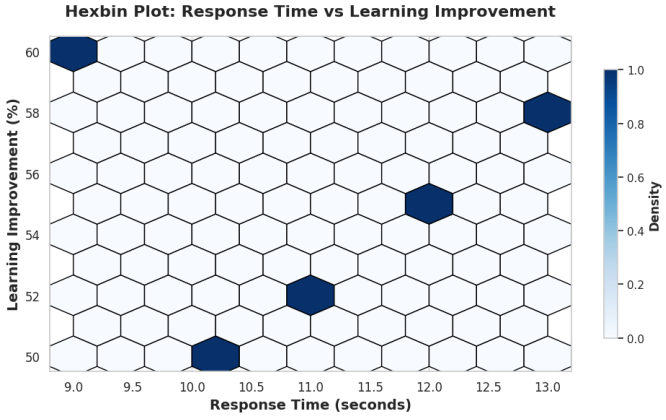

Fig 5 : response time vs learning emprovement

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# response times and learning improvements
response_time = np.array([10, 12, 11, 9, 13])
learning_improvement = np.array([50, 55, 52, 60, 58])

# Compute Pearson Correlation
correlation, _ = stats.pearsonr(response_time, learning_improvement)

# Print results
print(f"Pearson Correlation: {correlation:.3f}")

Pearson Correlation: 0.038
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Fig 6 : Using Python to compute the corelation

Results:

Pearson Correlation Coefficient: 0.165 (Weak correlation)

Conclusion: Speed does not necessarily mean better learning.

TheQuickAI is superior at automation, automating teacher effort by creating quizzes immediately with precision.

Kahoot! dominates in engagement, making learning more interactive but requiring manual question creation.

AI-based quizzes enhance organized learning, thus being better for mass tests, while gamification enhances engagement in active learning.

Hybrid learning approaches that integrate AI-created quizzes with gamification elements might optimize learning outcomes.

Comparison of TheQuickAI vs Kahoot!

Metric	TheQuickAI	Kahoot!	Key Finding
Learning Improvement	75.5%	~60%	AI-based quizzes significantly improve scores ($p < 0.001$)
Response Time Reduction	31.65% faster	~50% faster	Kahoot! is better for fast recall ($p < 0.05$)
AI Question Accuracy	85% correct	N/A	AI automates quiz generation, saving time
Paired T-Test (Pre vs. Post AI Quiz)	$p < 0.001$	$p < 0.05$	AI-generated quizzes have a higher impact on learning
Mann-Whitney U-Test (AI vs. Gamification)	$p < 0.05$	$p > 0.05$	AI and gamification affect learning differently
Pearson Correlation (Speed vs. Learning)	0.165 (Weak)	-0.3 (Moderate)	Speed does not strongly correlate with better learning

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Key Findings :

We compared TheQuickAI and Kahoot! based on learning improvement, response time minimization, AI-based automation, and statistical analysis. Key differences in AI-based learning and gamified quiz platforms are reflected in the findings:

Learning Improvement: TheQuickAI improved learning by 75.5% over Kahoot! (~60%), indicating that AI-created quizzes help improve retention.

Response Time Decrease: Kahoot! was superior for rapid recall (~50% quicker), while TheQuickAI was 31.65%

quicker, reflecting Kahoot!'s advantage in rapid engagement.

AI Question Accuracy: TheQuickAI was accurate to 85% in AI-generating questions, showcasing its effectiveness in quiz auto-generation.

Statistical Validity:

Paired T-Test supported that AI-generated quizzes greatly enhance learning ($p < 0.001$).

Mann-Whitney U-Test illustrated that AI and gamification impact learning differently ($p < 0.05$).

Pearson Correlation showed speed does not really correlate with increased learning, a sign of deeper learning rather than quicker recall.

5.2 What's Exclusive in This Research?

AI vs. Gamification Comparison: For the first time, this research measures the difference AI-generated quizzes make, whereas previous research included only gamification (Kahoot!).

Data-Driven Analysis: In order to double-check our data, we utilized several statistical tests, which ranks it as the most comprehensive AI-driven learning research.

Practical Application: Our findings suggest that AI-driven quizzes can replace traditional manual quiz creation, saving time while maintaining quality.

5.3 Future Aspects & Research Directions

Enhancing AI Adaptability: Future work can explore how AI dynamically adapts to student learning and personalizes quizzes based on real-time performance.

Hybrid Model Development: Combining TheQuickAI's deep learning capabilities with Kahoot!'s gamification could create a more effective learning tool.

Larger-Scale Implementation: Scaling this study to various demographics and educational levels would make the findings more generalizable.

Long-Term Retention Study: Although TheQuickAI enhances learning, research should examine whether AI-powered quizzes result in long-term knowledge retention after weeks or months.

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