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The students gain by tutorial work many advantages. Advantage of the tutorial is that it enables the teacher to become intimately acquainted with his students both as individuals and as scholars.

COMPREHENSION EXERCISE 4

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

In universities in the West a large part of teacher's time is spent on tutorial work. By a tutorial, we mean a regular weekly meeting of a teacher and a small group of students. A tutorial is not an occasion for a lecture by a teacher; nor is it an informal conversation piece. It is, in fact, an opportunity for a teacher to get to know his students. It is further a means to discover their potential abilities, stimulate them by discussion, test their responses to what they have read, and to give them individual advice on their studies. A tutorial should help a student to clarify his mind by the exchange of ideas, and should send him back to his books with a new awareness and a new interest. It should encourage him to think for himself and give him practice in formulating and expressing opinions. The usual form is that the students read original essays in turn and these are discussed, analysed and evaluated by the group as a whole under the guidance of the teacher. A further advantage of the tutorial is that it enables the teacher to become intimately acquainted with his students, both as individuals and as scholars.

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