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Quality of ChatGPT generated student essays

Everybody talks about modern Large Language Model (LLM) technology, and many believe that it will have disruptive consequences in many domains, including for education. To better understand the possible impact on schools, we asked over 100 teachers to rate essays on 90 topics to investigate how ChatGPT-generated essay compare to student-written essays. Our findings show that at least for education, the disruptive effects of LLMs are real: the generated essays clearly outperformed the students across all criteria.