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inconsistency between parallel groups; 30 Groups are too big for all the students to participate; 31 The noise level during group work can be disruptive; 32 Students' individual responses are not audible 33 It's difficult to get students' attention when they are working on a task 34 Some groups are just too big for any kind of seminar; 35 Tutors feel unsure of their new role; 36 There are too many students to teach them all every week; 37 Students can't be expected to give seminar papers in large groups; 38 Students lack group work skills; 39 There aren't enough classrooms for student groups; Chapter 4 Problems concerning practicals, projects and fieldwork; 40 There isn't room in the laboratory for all the students; 41 Briefing students for practicals is too time consuming 42 It's impossible to link the science lectures and the practicals 43 There isn't time to supervise individual projects; 44 Large groups can't benefit from fieldwork; Chapter 5 Problems concerning assessment; 45 Students' assignments are too late and too long; 46 It's difficult to motivate yourself to do all the marking; 47 There isn't time to do all the marking; 48 It's difficult to mark group projects fairly; 49 It's impossible to give students fully individualised written feedback; 50 Tutors can't do all the marking unaided; 51 It's impossible to give students one-to-one tutorials 52 There isn't time to detect student plagiarism

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This book is a revised and updated edition of 53 Problems with Large Classes by Sue Habeshaw, Graham Gibbs, and Trevor Habeshaw, with new contributions and contributors. Chapters cover: course planning and implementation; lectures; discussion groups and seminars; practicals, projects, and fieldwork; and assessment. Key terms: assessment; classes; courses; group work; higher education; lectures; pedagogy; post-compulsory education; professional education; seminars; students; teaching; training.
