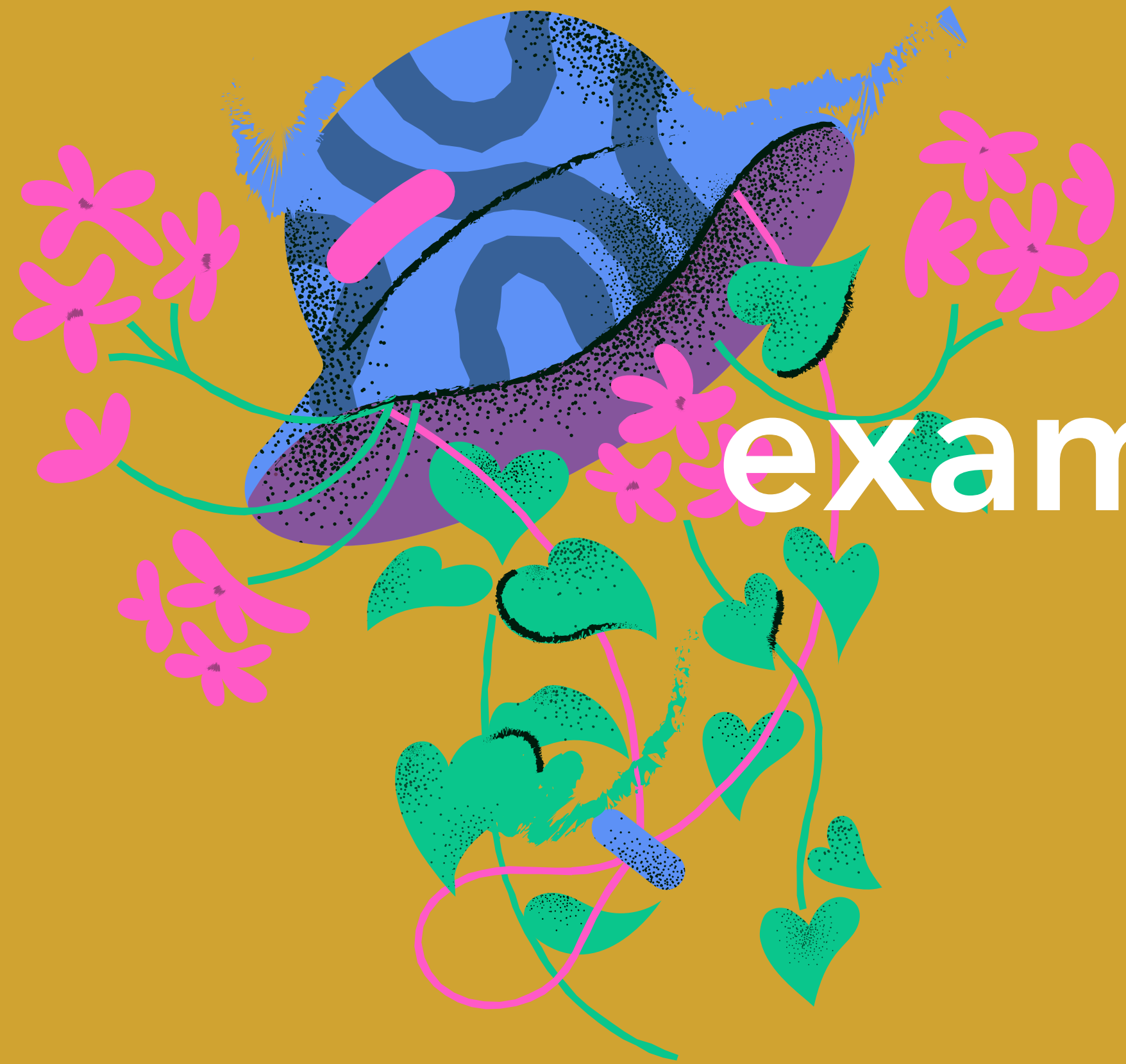


activating access
(access to what, for whom?)
on access exceptionalism + access washing

access washing

“leveraging ‘accessibility’ as justification to harm communities of color and poor & working-class communities” (Stacey Park Milbern, 2019)





examples?

-anti-homeless measures being imposed under the guise of making streets more accessible to disabled people

-privatizing streets and corporatizing university walkways, hindering public transit and excising lower-class, housless people from communities

-platforming zionists at so-called accessible university events that offer CART and ASL, thus expanding the number of people who will not have access to settler-colonial propaganda



access exceptionalism

anticipates and indexes the ways access is weaponized to exert whiteness, “severing disability access from broader social justice.” This happens when access is understood in individualized ways, “as something with which to comply” instead of as something that demands us to be non-compliant (against euro-american paradigm, against world orders, against reform, against deathmaking, against coloniality and colonial ablenationalism) (Chen, Kafer, Kim, Minich, 2023)



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