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ABSTRACT

This research work entitled **Reflective Teaching in EFL Classroom: A Case** of Lower Secondary Level aims to find out how the lower secondary level English language teachers promote their professionalism. The main objective of my research was to find out the practice of reflective teaching among lower secondary level English teachers. I selected forty lower secondary level English teachers from private schools of Kathmandu valley using non-random sampling procedure. To collect the data questionnaire and interview were the tools. For the data analysis obtained from the teacher simple statistical devices like table, percentages were used. This study shows that the majority of the lower secondary level English teachers of Kathmandu valley practice reflective teaching for their professional development. More than 85% of the teachers reflect their teaching maintaining three stages (pre, while and post) equally to look back for the improvement in their professionalism.

This thesis consists of five chapters. Chapter one is an introductory part. It includes background of the study, statement of the problem, rational of the study, objectives of the study, research question, significance of the study, and delimitations of the study. Chapter two includes the review of related literature and conceptual framework of the study. Similarly, chapter three includes the methods and procedures of the study adopted to carry out the research. In other words, it includes the design of the study, population of the study, sampling procedure, tools and process of data collection and data analysis and interpretation procedure. Chapter four consists of results and discussion of data. Finally, chapter five consists of summary, conclusion and implications of the study. This chapter is followed by references and appendices.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

EFL English as a Foreign Language
ELT English Language Teaching
ESL English as a Second Language

NELTA Nepalese English Language Teachers Association

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