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### ABSTRACT

The present study entitled Learning Achievements of Grade X students on Prepositions: A Comparative Study of Institutional and Community

Schools is an attempt to identify the learning achievements of Grade X students on prepositions and compare the learning achievement of Grade X students on prepositions of institutional and community schools. The research was carried out by adopting survey research design. The researcher used purposive nonrandom sampling strategy to select the sample for the study. Eighty students of Grade X studying English at 4 schools of Kathmandu and Lalitpur districtswere selected as a sample population of the study. The main tool used for data collection was the achievement test. Both primary and secondary sources of data were used for the study to fulfill the objectives. After the analysis and interpretation of data, it was found that the students of institutional schools were better than the students of community schools. The average score of institutional schools was 38.95 whereas the average score of community schools was 22.42. Furthermore, it was found that the proficiency level of Grade X students was found satisfactory. Finally, it was found that the community schools must improve their teaching learning activities to uplift their status.

This study consists of five chapters. The first chapter deals with background of the study, statements of the problem, objectives of the study, research questions, significance of the study, delimitations of the study and operational definitions of the key terms. The second chapter deals with the review of theoretical and empirical literature, implications of the reviewed literature and conceptual framework of the study. Likewise, the third chapter deals with the methodology adopted for the study in which design of the study, population, sample and sampling strategy of the study, research tools, sources of data, data collection procedures and data analysis and interpretation procedures of the study are discussed. The fourth chapter deals with the analysis and interpretation of the collected data descriptively and using simple statistical tool i.e. percentage. Similarly, the fifth chapter deals with the findings based on the analysis and interpretation of the data, conclusion derived from the findings and recommendations. This chapter is followed by references and appendices.

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### **ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

- e.g. : Exempligratia (for example)
- EFL : English as a ForeignLanguage
- ESL : English as a Second Language
- etc. : Etcetera
- FoE : Faculty of Education
- M. Ed. : Master of Education
- N : Number
- p. : Page
- T.U. : Tribhuvan University