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#### ABSTRACT

This research study entitled "Grade Eight Students' Proficiency of WH-Questions. " attempts to examine the proficiency in WH-questions formation of eighth graders. The researcher used both primary and secondary sources of data. A set of test items of five questions i.e. multiple choice, matching, filling, and forming WH-questions from the examples. Data were collected from both Public and private schools. There were 100 students selected to answer the given questions. Finally, data were analyzed statistically and interpreted and tabulated in accordance with the set objectives. The findings showed that both boys and girls obtained 75.6 percentage and 37.8 average marks out of 50 full marks. Students obtained 92.2 percentage marks in the first question (i.e. choosing correct Wh-word) which is the highest percentage and 58.6 percentage in the fifth question (i.e. forming sentences using Wh-words) which is the lowest percentage where girls' performance was better than boys because boys obtained 90 percentage and girls obtained 94.4 percentage. Private schools Girls scored highest percentage i.e. 87.6 and Public Schools` boys scored lowest percentage i.e. 57.36.

This thesis comprises five chapters. The first chapter deals with introduction which consists of general background, objectives of the study and significance of the study. The second chapter deals with the literature review. The third chapter consists the sources of data, (both primary and secondary), sampling population and procedure, tools for data collection, process of data collection and limitations of the study. The four chapter consists of analysis and interpretation of the proficiency in WH-questions of eight graders and the last chapter five consist of summary, conclusions and implication of the findings. It also suggests some recommendations on the basis of the findings. The final section of the study includes the bibliography and appendices.

#### ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYMS

Avg.	Average
Etc.	Etcetera
F.	Female
F.M.	Full Marks
GS.	Government School
М.	Male
Р.	Page
Pro.	Professor
PrS.	Private School
Ques.	Questions

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