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ABSTRACT

The present study entitled "Activities Used in Teaching Essays" attempted to find out the activities adopted in teaching essays in higher secondary and intermediate levels. The study was carried out by using both primary and secondary sources of data. The major tool for collection of data was class observation form and there were twenty teachers. Four classes of each teacher were observed. The collected data were analyzed and interpreted using simple statistical tool, viz. percentage with the help of tables. Data were analyzed and interpreted to find out the activities used in teaching essays in higher secondary level. The findings showed that the teachers employed different activities diversely. It was found that there were not any fixed activities in teaching essays. The activities were different from one teacher to another. The condition of teaching essays was not satisfactory and the teachers were not adopting communicative approach of teaching. The motivation and follow up activities were found to be too weak.

The present study consists of four chapters. Chapter one deals with general background, review of the related literature, objectives of the study and significance of the study. Chapter two deals with sources of data, sampling population and sampling procedure, tools for data collection, process of data collection and limitations of the study. Likewise, chapter three deals with the analysis and interpretation. Chapter four is the last chapter which deals with the findings and recommendations after analysis and interpretation of the data.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CUP Cambridge University Press

Dr. Doctor

Eds. Editors

ELT English Language Teaching

e.g. For example (examplia gratia)

et.al. And others (et alli)

etc. Etcetera

i.e. That is (id est)

M.A. Masters of Arts

M.Ed. Masters of Education

NELTA Nepal English Language Teachers' Association

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OALD Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary

OUP Oxford University Press

PCL Proficiency Certificate Level

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H.S.S. Higher Secondary School