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ABSTRACT

The present study entitled "Effectiveness of Simulation Technique in Teaching Language Functions" endeavors to find out the effectiveness of simulation in teaching language functions at secondary level and aims at suggesting some pedagogical implications. To this end, I purposively selected a government school, Gokundeshwor Higher Secondary School from Dhankuta district. In order to collect data, both the primary and secondary sources were used. Twenty students of Grade IX who were selected by using simple random sampling procedure, were involved in this study. The students were divided into two groups' experimental group and controlled group. The main tools for data were test items. A pre-test was administered before students were divided into two groups. Both the groups were taught for 25 days. The experimental group was taught by using simulation technique and the controlled group was taught as usual classroom techniques. After experimental teaching, the post-test was administered by using the same sets of test items that were administered in the pre-test. After analysis and interpretation of the data, the experimental group which was taught by using simulation excelled the controlled group by 27.73% in functional category and 29.93% in item category holistically. Thus, I can say that the simulation technique was more effective, interactive and interesting than usual classroom techniques like discussion and lecture.

The thesis has been divided into four chapters. The first chapter consists of the background of the study, review of the related literature and objectives of the study. Chapter two deals with the methodology adopted for the study under which the sources of data, sampling procedures, tools for data collection, process of data collection and limitations of the study are presented. Likewise, chapter three presents the analysis and interpretation of the collected data. In this section, both the statistical as well as descriptive approaches have been used. Finally, the present research summarizes the whole study by presenting findings and suggesting some recommendations. The references and appendices form the concluding part of the thesis.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AV	:	Average
D	:	Difference
%	:	Percent
DM	:	Direct Method
ELT	:	English Language Teaching
etc	:	Etcetera
Gr	:	Group
i.e.	:	id est (that is)
NELTA	:	Nepal English Language Teachers Association
No	:	Number
OSS	:	Office of Strategies Service
Pre-T	:	Pre-test
Post-T	:	Post-test
R. N.	:	Roll number
U.S.	:	United State
Viz.	:	Namely
T.U	:	Tribhuvan University
Prof.	:	Professor
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