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ABSTRACT

This present study ‘Language used in Engineering Journals’, a descriptive study, has made an attempt to find out the kind of language used in Engineering Journals in terms of sentence types, tenses, voices, aspects and special vocabularies. This study was mainly based on the secondary sources of data. The data for the study were collected judgmentally from four journals viz. VAASTU-Vol. 6, VAASTU-Vol. 7, Architectural Design and Architectural Record. The total sample of the study consisted of thirty-two articles. The required data were collected by using observation as a main tool. This study has revealed that complex sentence; non-past tense, active voice and simple aspect were highly used in engineering journals. So far as, special vocabularies are concerned, one hundred and thirty three special vocabularies were found to have been used. Nouns among major words were found to have been used more frequently than others. Only four specific adjectives were found. But specific adverbs were not found.

This thesis is divided into four main chapters and other sub-chapters. The first chapter deals with general background of the study, importance of the English language, linguistics, sociolinguistics, varieties of linguistic codes, registers, language of engineering, architecture, review of the related literature, objectives, significance of the study and definitions of specific terms of the study. Similarly, the second chapter deals with the methodology of the study, sources of data, sampling procedure, tools for data collection, process of data collection and limitations of the study. Likewise, the third chapter presents analysis and interpretation of the data collected for the study using simple statistical tools like percentage and frequency. In the same way, the fourth chapter presents the findings and some recommendations of the data. At the end, references and appendices along with some sample texts of engineering journals are presented.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

AD	-	Architectural Design
AR	-	Architectural Record
CS	-	Compound Sentence
CUP	-	Cambridge University Press
CXS	-	Complex Sentence
Dr.	-	Doctor
et al.	-	And other people or thing
Freq.	-	Frequency
i.e.	-	That is
P.	-	Page
Per	-	Percentage
Prog.	-	Progressive
SS	-	Simple Sentence
Viz.	-	Namely
VS (6)	-	VAASTU Volume. 6
VS (7)	-	VAASTU Volume. 7