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#### **ABSTRACT**

The main purpose of the present study was to find out the effectiveness of class-Test (Class progress Test) in English language Learning in Grade Eight. The researcher selected one High School of Nawalparasi District. The total sample population of this study consisted of forty students of grade eight who were chosen in a systematic random way. The total population was divided into two equal proficiency level groups: experimental and controlled on the basis of their pretest results. Both groups were taught by the researcher himself for 42 days on the same lesson plans but the experimental group was taught with the application of class tests. The experimental group was given continuous feedback and encouragement after class tests during the experiment but such treatments were not given to the controlled group. After the experimental treatment, the same set of test items which was administered in pre-test was used in post-test to collect the data. The collected data from the students of both groups were compared, analyzed and interpreted to find out the effectiveness of class-test (class-progress test) in English language learning. By this study it was found that classtest (class-progress test) is very effective on students' performance on reading and writing skills.

This thesis consists of four chapters: Introduction, Methodology, Analysis and Interpretation, and Findings and Recommendations.

The first chapter includes the general background, review of related literature, statement of the research hypotheses, objectives of the study and significance of the study.

The second chapter deals with the methodology adopted during the research study which consists of sources of data, population of the study,

sample population, tools for data collection, process of data collection, the design of the study, and limitations of the study.

The third chapter deals with analysis and interpretation of data. The raw scores obtained by the students of both groups were tabulated itemwisely and holistically. The mean scores of both groups in each item were compared to find out the effectiveness of class-test.

The last chapter comprises of the findings and recommendations of the study followed by bibliography and appendix.

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#### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE STUDY

B.S. : Bikram Sambat

A.D. : Anno Domini

T.U. : Tribhuvan University

N.E.S.P. : National Education System Planning

NEC : National Education Commission

CDC : Curriculum Development Centre

CAS : Continuous Assessment System

eg : For example

TOFEL: Test of English as a Foreign Language

IELTS : International English Language Testing System

EFL : English as a foreign language

SLC : School Leaving Certificate

C.G. : Controlled Group

EG : Experimental Group

Av : Average

MD. : Mean Difference

Dr. : Doctor

Var: : Variance

Neg : Negative

Affir : Affirmative

Sd : Standard deviation

viz : that is to say

UN : United Nations

SN : Serial Number

Prof : Professor

P : Page

No. : Number

i.e. : that is

ELT : English Language Teaching

et. al : and other people