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#### **ABSTRACT**

This research proficiency in 'Reading English Poetry' aims to find out reading proficiency of grade twelve students in reading English poetry. To complete my study, I selected two schools' students i.e. 40 from Lamjung district. The students were selected purposively. I developed a set of test items including subjective and objective test items and collected data. The collected data were analyzed using statistical tools like mean, mode, median and percentage. It was found that the overall proficiency 42.17 of the students was 56.22 percent whereas the difference mean score was 42.17. It is recommended that due priority should be given in poetry from school level because of the weak proficiency level of the students in it. There should be more exposure to the poems in English.

This study consists of four chapters. Chapter one deals with the introduction to the research which includes general background, review of the related literature, objective of the study and significance of the study. Chapter two consists of the methodology adopted for the study in terms of sources of data that includes sample population and sampling procedure, tool for data collection, process of data collection and limitations of study. The data were analyzed and interpreted quantitatively in third chapter. In the same way, the fourth chapter consists of findings and recommendations made upon the analysis and interpretations of the data. Finally, references and appendices are followed in the subsequent chapters.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BBHSS Bir Bhakti Higher Secondary School

FB Fill in the Blanks

FSHSS Future Star Higher Secondary School

MS Mean Score

OT I Objective Test Items

PER Percentage

PL Proficiency Level of the Students

SA Short Answer

STI Subjective Test Items

TB Tick the Best Answer

TF True and False Items

LO Lowest

HI Highest