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#### **ABSTRACT**

The present study entitled "Learning Strategies Adopted By Grade Eight Students in Community-Aided Schools" aimed to find out the learning strategies used by grade eight students of community-aided schools to learn the English language. For this, the researcher applied both primary and secondary sources of data. She used two sets of questionnaire (i.e., one for students and another for teachers) and observation form for data collection. The data were collected from 80 students, four teachers and class observation of 210 students. The researcher applied random sampling procedure to select the schools and students but non-random purposive sampling procedure to select teachers. On the basis of the collected data, the strategies adopted by Grade Eight students were determined using simple statistical tool, i.e., percentage. It was found that students were not aware about learning strategies to learn the English language, however, they were found using cognitive strategies a lot. Largely students depended on teachers and textbooks to learn the English language.

The thesis consists of four chapters. Chapter one is introductory chapter. It includes general background, review of the related literature, objectives of the study, significance of the study and definition of the specific terms. Chapter two deals with the methodology. It incorporates sources of data, population of the study, sampling procedures, tools for data collection, process of data collection and limitations of the study. Chapter three encompasses analysis and interpretation of data. In this section, both statistical and descriptive approaches have been used. Chapter four incorporates findings and recommendations of the research. The references and appendices form the concluding part of the thesis.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Dr. : Doctor

ELT : English Language Teaching

e.g. : For example

et al. : and others

etc. : etcetera

i.e. : id est (that is to say)

M. Ed. : Masters in Education

No. : Numbers

p. : Page

pp. : Pages

Prof. : Professor

S.N. : Serial Number

SLA : Second Language Acquisition

T.U. : Tribhuvan University

Viz. : Vide Licet (namely)

% : Percentage

Vol. : Volume

www : World Wide Web