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ABSTRACT

This thesis attempted to find out the Effectiveness of Children's Literature in Teaching English aimed to find out the effectiveness of children's literature in teaching English. This study was particularly based on a private school. I used both primary and secondary sources of data. The primary source of data were the forty students of grade four of Gauri Shankar Secondary School (G.S) ,Bafal, Kathmandu. I administered pretest, progressive tests and post-test. The data were analyzed separately but the finding of the study seemed similar so findings are presented in combined form. The major findings are; the use of children's literature is an effective technique in developing English language, encouraging learners to develop their writing skills, improve reflective thinking, developing creativity and communicative skills in them.

This thesis is divided into four chapters. Each chapter is divided into different sub-chapters. The first chapter deals with general background of the study, review of related literature, objectives of the study and significance of the study. The second chapter deals with the methodology, data collection procedure and limitations of the study. Forty students of grade four of the selected school was chosen for the study. The third chapter presents analysis and interpretation in terms of analysis of individual test scores on pretest, progressive test and post-test. Chapter four includes the findings and recommendations. With the help of analysis and interpretation, some findings have been drawn and then some recommendations have been made. The references and appendices are presented in the concluding part of this thesis.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AD Anno Domini

Ant. Antonyms

Av. Average

CUP Cambridge University Press

DOE Department of Education

Dr. Doctor

D% Difference between the scores of the pre-test and pos-test in

percentage

D. Difference between the scores of the pre-test and post-test

e.g. For Example

ELT English language Teaching

et al. and other people

etc. etcetera

F.M Full score

GS Gauri Shankar Higher Secondary School

i.e. that is

LP. No. Lesson Plan Number

M.Ed. Master in Education

Post-t Post-test

Pre-t Pre-test

Pro-t Progressive Test

R.N Roll Numb

sth Something

syn Synonym

T.U Tribhuvan University