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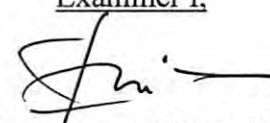
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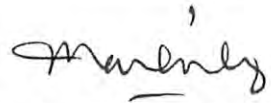
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easier in the higher level of education. This phenomena show us several efforts conducted by government to provide generation with skillful.

In addition, to measure the success in teaching learning English, evaluation is needed evaluation is very important means in teaching learning process. It is used to know whether the teaching learning activities is success or not. The result conducted from evaluation provides wide information to the teachers to manage their classroom activities, as Dickins and Germaine say:⁵

“...it can provide a wealth of information to use for the future direction of classroom practice, for the planning of course, and for the management of learning task and students,”

Furthermore, evaluation and teaching is cannot be separated,⁶ all teaching process should be followed by evaluation indeed. Without evaluation, it seems impossible to measure as well as report students progress objectively.

Evaluation as Arikunto has said is the process of evaluating teaching learning process.⁷ There are several types of evaluation. One of them is test. Test is a series of question of measuring skill, knowledge, intelligences, and capacities of individual or group.⁸ Nevertheless it is common that sometimes evaluation considered has same meaning as testing, and that while students are being tested evaluation is taking place. However testing is only one component in the evaluation process.

⁵ Pauline Rea-Dickins & Kevin Germaine, *Evaluation*, (New York, Oxford University Press, 2008), Page 3

⁶ J. B Heaton, *Writing English Language Test*, (New York: Longman Group, 1988). Page 5

⁷ Suharsimi Arikunto, *Dasar-dasar Evaluasi Pendidikan*, (Jakarta, Bumi Aksara, 1993), Page

⁸ Ibid, Page 29

and scored in Surabaya, would be administered and score in exactly the same manner in Malang, Sidoarjo, or anywhere in Indonesia.

3. Based on the purpose

a. Achievement Tests

Achievement tests are far more formal test and are intended to measure achievement on large scale. Brown said that an achievement test is related directly to classroom lesson, syllabus, or even a total curriculum.¹⁵ He also added that achievement test is limited to specific material covered in curriculum within particular time frame, and offered after a course has covered the objectives question. In line of that, Heaton stated that this kind of test is design to measure ability based on what the students are predicted to have learnt, not necessarily on what they have actually learnt nor on what has been taught.¹⁶

Several achievement tests are standardized: they are pre-tested, each item is analyzed and revised where necessary, norms are established and comparisons made between performances of different students and different schools. A good achievement test should mirror the particular approach to learning and teaching that has previously been adopted

¹⁵ H. Douglas Brown, *Teaching by Principles an Interactive approach to language pedagogy*, (San Francisco State University: Longman, Inc, 2001). Page 391

¹⁶ J. B Heaton, *Writing English Language Test*, (New York: Longman Group, 1988). Page

STANDARD COMPETENCE	BASIC COMPETENCE	INDICATORS	Learning Experience	ITEM TEST	Σ	%
MENDENGARKAN mahami makna dalam percakapan transaksional dan interpersonal dalam konteks kehidupan sehari-hari	Merespon makna dalam percakapan transaksional (to get thing done) dan interpersonal (bersosialisasi) resmi dan tak resmi secara akurat, lancar dan berterima yang menggunakan ragam bahasa lisan sederhana dalam berbagai konteks kehidupan sehari-hari dan melibatkan tindak tutur: berterima kasih, memuji, dan mengucapkan selamat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mendentifikasi kata yang didengar, makna kata, hubungan antar pembicara. ❖ Mengidentifikasi makna tindak tutur, berterimakasih, memuji, mengucapkan salam dan koneksi situasi. ❖ Merespon tindak tutur, berterimakasih, memuji, ucapan, selamat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mendengarkan berbagai tindak tutur yang didengar melalui tape atau teman • Mendiskusikan berbagai tindak tutur yang didengar melalui tape atau teman 	2,5,10,7,55,	5	9%
				4, 6, 8, 11, 20, 21, 24, 28, 30, 34, 35	11	20%

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SMAN 3 Sidoarjo. There are 6 columns in that table. First column contains standard competence, second column contains basic competencies, the third column contains several indicators that represent the basic competence of the lesson, and the fourth column contains the learning experience or materials that are taught. While the fourth, fifth and the last column are contain the items test that appropriate the basic competence, the sum of the items test that appropriate the basic competence and the percentage of total numbers of particular items that represent the related basic competence.

In addition, according to Nurgiyantoro, the test has the content validity if it covers all the contents as stated in the curriculum. Based on the result of analyzing content validity in table 3 appendix I, the percentage of every aspect of the learning content is conclude as follows:

1. There are 3 or 5% items for speaking which focus on direct and indirect speech explanation
2. There are 3 or 5% items for speaking which focus on passive voice explanation
3. There are 35 or 63% items for reading skill out of 55, which 2 items or 3 % focus on “ Membaca dan memahami pengumuman/surat” lesson, one or 1% focus on “ Memahami makna teks yang dibaca”, 18 items or 32% focus on “Memahami isi teks yang dibaca”, 3 items or 5% focus on “Memperhatikan

dan menemukan cirri-ciri kebahasaan teks” lesson, 4 items or 7% focus on “melengkapi teks dengan kata kerja yang tepat” learning experience, and 7 items or 12% focus on “Menentukan orientasi cerita dengan metode yang berbeda” Learning experience

4. There are also 14 items or 25% out of 55 items test that did not cover the available materials.

Based on the result above, we can conclude that the Semester II English Final Test for Tenth Grade of SMAN 3 Sidoarjo is good since 72% items test represented all materials. Here the agreement of the test is more than 50%. According to Bloom, if the agreement of the test is 50% or more, it can be conclude that the test has high content validity. ¹

Nevertheless, there are still 14 items test or 25% out of all items test did not cover the materials, they items number 8, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 45, 48, 49, 52, 53, and 54. Although their content is suitable with the indicators of standard and basic competencies but they were not taught in the class. Those items cannot be tested because students absolutely cannot answer that items test.

¹ Benjamin S. Bloom, at all, *Evaluation to Improve Learning*, (USA, 1981)

B. Analyzing Index of difficulty

To conduct index difficulty value, divide the number of students got the correct answer by the number of students taking test.

In analysing the index of difficulty, first of all, the writer arranged the students' score from the highest score to the lowest one. Then the writer found the top score and the bottom score and divided it into two groups, upper level group and lower level group of equal size.

In addition, the writer treated differently in dividing class into two groups in order to determine upper and lower level in each class in the same amount moreover in X1 and X3 classes. This is because there were odd numbers of script in those classes.

In X1 class there are 3 students belong to upper group who got the same score, 24. It made difficult in dividing the class into two groups in equal size. It should have been 18 students for upper group and 18 students for lower group since the class has 36 students in all, but it became 21 students for upper group and 15 students for lower group. Hence, the writer deleted two number of script in random in order to make it balance as Heaton stated in his book:

"If there is an odd number of a script, dispense with one script chosen in random"²

² J. B Heaton, *Writing English Language Test*, (New York: Longman Group, 1988). Page 178

Although Heaton suggested dispensing with one script if there is an odd number, but in this case the writer deleted two numbers at all. It is because if only one script was deleted, it still does not make sense since the odd number existed in the same order.

Thus, the number of students taking test in X1 that used to compute index of difficulty and index of discrimination later are 34 students. While in X3 class, the writer dispensed with one script since this class has odd number of script. Like stated above, X3 class has 35 number of student taking test. Hence, in this case, the number of test takers that used to calculating index off difficulty as well as index of discrimination is 34 students.

After determining the upper and lower group of students, the writer computed the index of difficulty using Heaton formula as stated in Chapter II and III. Furthermore, the writer used a table to make calculation easy and efficient. The table can be seen in appendix 5-7.

There are six columns in the table. First column contains the number of item. Second column contains the score of students in upper group who answer correctly of each item. Third column contains the score of students in lower group who answer correctly of each item. The fourth and fifth column contains the value of index of difficulty Index and the value of index of discrimination. And the last

shown negative sign (-). It means that those items cannot be tested because they discriminate in false path especially items number 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 23, 26, 27, 29, 35, 37, 44, 45, 46, and 49. They are crucial to be revised since they can manipulate the result of the test as expected, in the other word, these items can block the test to rich its purpose.

Moreover, 16 items test are poor. They are items number 9, 11, 16, 17, 19, 20, 25, 28, 32, 34, 38, 39, 47, 50, 53, and 54. These items have discrimination value between 0.05-0.17. As Arikunto stated that the items test which show index discrimination value between 0.00-0.20 are recognized as poor. It requires deeply thought to revise those tests because they cannot play proper work to discriminate upper students from lower students. Besides, there are 13 items test that are satisfactory because their facility value between 0.23-0.35. They are number 6, 7, 8, 13, 30, 31, 33, 36, 40, 41, 48, 51, and 52. Although they are satisfactory, but they still need to be refreshed in order they can work well. Because satisfactory items test are less good to facilitate item test to discriminate students. However, there are only 3 items test that have facility value 0.00. Means they do not function at all and extremely they must be deleted or at least revised. They are items number 4, 22, and 43.

2. The index of difficulty of Semester II English Final Test for Tenth Grade of SMAN 3 Sidoarjo used for X1 is acceptable 27 or 13, 25% out of 55 items have facility value between 0.32-0.65 or categorized as good items. Thus, those items could safely be used for future test without being rewritten. While the rest items have to be revised because they are too easy and difficult. Moreover, since almost a half test, it is 24, shown difficulty value between 0.31-0.69, the items test used for X2 of SMAN 3 Sidoarjo are acceptable too. It because their facility value are recognized as good test. For items test that are easy and difficult, they must be changed because they cannot work properly. Unlike X1 and X2, index of difficulty of UAS test used for X3 are easy since 21 out of 55 items test have difficulty value between 0.74-0.91. Hence, those items are not desirable to apply for other test and needed to be revised as well as the items that difficult.
3. Index of discrimination of UAS test used for X1 is poor since the biggest number of items, it is 15 out of 55, have discrimination value between 0.06-0.24. Those items badly need to be revised as well as the items that have satisfactory, non function, and even miss function index of discrimination. It is because all of those items cannot perform to distinguish better student from poorer student. While the rest items that have good index discrimination do not need to be revised and can be used for future test. Similarly, the index of discrimination of UAS test used for X2 are satisfactory since 18 out of 55

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