

ABSTRACT

An Evaluation of a Technical English and Communication Curriculum: a case study.

Curriculum evaluation can be divided into four main categories; Context Evaluation, Input Evaluation, Process Evaluation, and Product Evaluation. This study primarily focuses on the Product Evaluation in which it evaluates the Technical English and Communication Curriculum offered at German Malaysian Institute. The main subject of the investigation is the topics covered in the curriculum. The objectives of the study are to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum by relating to the industrial needs and to investigate the importance of TEC for students at GMI. The study is also trying to ascertain the adequateness of the topics covered in the curriculum besides to investigate the satisfaction of the former students with the curriculum. The data are obtained by distributing questionnaires to the former students and industrial workers who are also part-time students at GMI, and by conducting unstructured interviews with the Technical Training Officers who have experience working in various industries. The data are analysed using qualitative analysis (for the questionnaires) and quantitative analysis (for the unstructured interviews). The results of the study show that the contents of the curriculum are sufficient for the students to enter the work force in the industry with the emphasis given in writing and speaking skills. It is also discovered that TEC offered at GMI is important for the students to communicate in the industry and the students are generally satisfied with the curriculum. For future study it is recommended that the evaluation be expanded to other categories namely Context Evaluation, Input Evaluation and Process Evaluation so that a holistic view of the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum can be revealed.

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Penilaian Keatas “Teachnical English and Communication”: Satu Kajian Kes

Penilaian Kurikulum boleh dibahagikan kepada empat bahagian; Penilaian Konteks, Penilaian Input, Penilaian Proses, dan Penilaian Produk. Fokus penyelidikan ini ialah Penilaian Produk dimana ia menilai “Technical English and Communication” kurikulum yang ditawarkan di German Malaysian Institute, dan subjeknya ialah topik-topik yang didalam kurikulum tersebut. Tujuan utama kajian ini dibuat ialah untuk memastikan kekuatan and kelemahan yang terdapat didalam kurikulum tersebut and memastikan kepentingan “TEC” kepada pelajar-pelajar di GMI. Penyelidikan ini juga bertujuan menilai samada tajuk-tajuk yang dimuatkan didalam kurikulum tersebut mencukupi keperluan pelajar-pelajar untuk berkomunikasi di tempat kerja and melihat kepuasan pelajar-pelajar terdahulu terhadap “TEC”. Data-data diperolehi melalui pembahagian kertas soal jawab kepada pelajar terdahulu yang sedang bekerja di pelbagai industri and juga pelajar-pelajar yang sedang belajar separuh masa di GMI. Wawancara juga diadakan untuk mendapatkan nilai daripada Pegawai Latihan Teknikal yang mempunyai pengalaman bekerja di dalam pelbagai industri. Data-data dianalisa berdasarkan kuantitatif analisis (untuk kertas soal jawab) and kualitatif analisis (untuk wawancara). Keputusan penyelidikan mendapati tajuk-tajuk yang disediakan kepada pelajar-pelajar tersebut adalah mencukupi untuk mereka memulakan pekerjaan di industri dengan perhatian diberikan kepada bidang penulisan and perbualan. Pelajar-pelajar tersebut menganggap TEC penting bagi mereka untuk berkomunikasi di industri and secara keseluruhannya mereka berpuas hati dengan “TEC”. Adalah dicadangkan di masa hadapan kajian dibuat keatas bidang penilaian yang lain seperti Penilaian Konteks , Penilaian Input, and Penilaian Proses bagi memperolehi pandangan yang menyeluruh tentang kuruikulum tersebut.