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Development of a Test to Evaluate Students' Analytical Thinking Based on Fact versus Opinion Differentiation

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Nowadays, one of the biggest challenges of education in Thailand is the development and promotion of the students' thinking skills. The main purposes of this research were to develop an analytical thinking test for 6th grade students and evaluate the students' analytical thinking. The sample was composed of 3567 6th grade students in 2014 academic year at schools in Samuthsakorn province, the largest sample size that has been reached so far for an analytical thinking test; Fact vs. Opinion test (F vs. O test) and Ordinary National Educational based test (O-NET based test). The collected data were analysed through TAP 6.65, SIA1.0.1 and SPSS 22 statistical programs. The results revealed statistic consistency between F vs. O test and O-NET based test. In addition, most 6th grade students were in "Unsatisfactory" level for analytical thinking skills. Though improvements are much needed, we believe that the developed Fact vs. Opinion test suits for the promotion and evaluation of the students' analytical thinking skills.

Key Words: analytical thinking skill, fact vs. opinion, O-NET based test, quality of test, ATS test

INTRODUCTION

Democracies and those countries on the verge of it may hold common values, such as freedom of thought and self-decision. These values require self-responsibility and truthful knowledge for each individual and education is a key to such a personal development. Individuals are presented with information in a variety of forms that hold different degrees of truth and having the ability to think critically may prevent us from falling victim to deception (Pimsai, 2002). Many educators are enthusiastic about and

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increasingly focusing on thinking skills, in particular recognizing the importance of higher-order thinking skills for individual development. Higher order mental processes are needed to solve problems and make decisions in everyday life including comparing, evaluating, justifying, and making inferences (Wheeler & Haertel, 1993). Thus, the development of higher order thinking skills is necessary for students to develop a rational thinking, analytical thinking and synthetic thinking for problem-solving, decision making and seeking knowledge by themselves (Sinlarat, 2000). This will help them confront the rapidly changing world.

The examination of students' thinking ability could be a measure of educational quality and standards in schools. Superior educational quality would also lead to a national development and perhaps a better quality of life in society.

Critical thinking is thinking act based on knowledge, available evidence, exploration and information to arrive at a reasonable conclusion. Therefore, critical thinking is what instructors should prioritize and promote as a practice skill for students. Analytical thinking is about breaking things (situations, practices, problems, statements, ideas, theories, arguments) down into their component parts. Analytical / critical thinking is often associated with directed thinking, i.e. solving problems, seeking the truth and developing understanding, with the focus on a desired outcome (Stella, 2003). Analytical thinking is blended with critical thinking, especially as a part of the problem solving process, considered essential for providing the skills required to prepare children for a more complex life and work environment in 21st century. Thus, it is important in the classroom to promote thinking ability comprising six dimensions; applicative, conceptual, analytical, synthesis, creative and critical thinking (Charoenwongsak, 2002, 2003; Chaijaroen Sumalee and others, 2006).

The main goal of Core Curriculum for Basic Education 2008, educational standard IV, is that the learner shall be capable of analytical, critical, synthetic, creative and visionary thinking in addition to mathematic and scientific thinking skills (Ministry of Education, 2008). Thailand's educational system should focus on intelligence cultivation, development of the students' creative and critical thinking and the development of emotional abilities (Ministry of Education, 2001).

However, there has been evidence in the past two decades that efforts to develop thinking skills of students have been done only in a limited manner and have not yet reached the desired goal (Ministry of Education, 2006). In reference to the National Education Act1999, academic achievement, thinking and searching skills at 6th and 9th grades ranked at the "Not Satisfactory" level (Wirachchai, N, Wongwanich, S. & Roengrtrakoon, A., 2003). According to the research work of Navapornpaisarn (1991), the critical thinking test developed by Watson and Glazer faces problems of being different in culture and environment, when used with secondary school students in Thailand. However, Navapornpaisarn suggested that the language and cultural content of the test should be adapted appropriately for Thai students.

Research Problem

The report of external audit of The Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA)(2007) showed that at the national level, the standard was evaluated as the lowest, or the most problematic standard was Standard IV (the students' ability in analytical, synthetic, creative and critical thinking, considering, and vision). According to the Standard Quality Assessment with regard to these abilities, most Thai students performed at "To be improved" level and only10.4% performed at "Good" level. In addition, in more than 90% of schools, the students' average score in learning achievement, thinking skill and searching skill, was ranked in the category of "To be improved". The most problematic one was the ratings of the analytical thinking of the Thai children, sparking a serious urge for improvement (Ministry of Education, 2006). The finding of several studies for the development of analytical thinking indicated that teachers were aware of the significance of learning management for such purpose yet lacked knowledge and experience to promote and encourage analytical thinking (Kaewsudjarit, 1998: 95-97). This teachers' ineptitude has inevitably caused ineffective learning activities that fail to help develop analytical thinking in students (Art-in, 2012). Thinking skills and the application of knowledge for solving problems and decisionmaking are important parts in the learning process in schools with special concern to primary students who have focused on the development of cognitive skills in accordance with the core curriculum for basic education BE 2551(2008).

For the above mentioned reasons, the researchers believed that the development of the Analytical Thinking Skill test (ATS test) can be a useful tool for teachers to evaluate students' analytical thinking skills through making a distinguish between Fact and Opinion (F vs. O test). In Thailand, the test needs to meet the standard of Basic Education Core Curriculum 2008 which sets the learning standard and proposes indicators for measurement of learning progress for 6^{th} grade students (Ministry of Education, 2008). Furthermore, thinking skills and knowledge application play an important part in the learning process in schools especially for decision making and thinking skills to solve problem-solving in various situations. Thus, the practice of analytical thinking skills is an important factor in the development of children's intelligence as to advance independent thinking and critical minds required to promote country development (Susaorat, 1998:9).

Based on concepts, theories and researches related to analytical thinking as mentioned beforehand, we have developed an ATS test for 6^{th} grade students in form of a Fact vs. Opinion test, primarily to evaluate their analytical thinking skills, but also to promote learning and practice of analytical thinking. We believed that this Fact vs. Opinion test has a potential to elevate the level of 6^{th} grade students' analytical thinking in schools under the Primary Education Office of Samuthsakorn Province.

Research Objectives

1. To develop the analytical thinking test for 6th grade students.

2. To evaluate the students' analytical thinking skills by teaches after using the analytical thinking test.

METHOD

Participants

The population was 4287 6^{th} grade students under the Primary Education Office of Samuthsakorn Province in the 2014 academic year. Samuthsakorn province was chosen as the study location as Memorandum of Understanding has been initiated between the Institute for Innovative Learning, Mahidol University and the governing body of the province allowing us to perform a relevant research there. The sample size consisted of 3567 6^{th} grade students, selected from 76 Schools during first semester of 2014.

Research Design

The test and its set-up were designed to reveal quantitative aspect of the students' learning progress in analytical thinking. The research procedure would indicate the need for further evaluation of students' analytical thinking skills and trigger an adequate thinking process and is meant to facilitate situation dependent problem-solving skills. To help students achieve these purposes, the researcher used item response theory to identify the quality of the test by determining item difficulty, discriminative power including the reliability and validity of the constructed test.

Research Instruments

Tools used in the study as follows:

1. Fact versus. Opinion (F vs. O) Test: Fact can be proven to be true or false and backed up by evidence. An opinion is a statement of what someone believes or thinks. F vs. O Test refers to the consideration used to distinguish which statement or evidence based on Fact and which one based on Opinion. Therefore, the practice of differentiation of Fact from Opinion can help persons to think analytically and to develop synthetic thinking for problem-solving, which ultimately may lead to right decision making. The test is covering 30 multiple-choice items in three categories:-Thai language & Social Study (13 items), Science (9 items), and others (i.e., newspaper, social media and daily life events) (8items).

2. The Ordinary National Education Test (O-NET) is the assessment of academic proficiency for grade 6, grade 9, and grade 12 students. This test comprises of 8 major subject areas based on the national education curriculum: 1) Thai Language 2) Mathematics, 3) Science, 4) Social Science, Religion, and Culture, 5) Health and Physical Education, 6) Art, 7) Career and Technology, and 8) Foreign Languages. The O-NET based test consists of a catalogue of questions that mostly concerned the development of students' analytical thinking which were selected from O-NET and Pre O-NET from year 2005 to 2009. Also, the questions were prior reviewed and investigated by experts and specialists based on the criteria of analytical thinking ability. The test consists of 30 multiple-choice items in four categories: Thai language & Social Study (14 items), Science (8 items) and Mathematics (8 items).

The Process of Analytical Thinking Skills (ATS) Test Development

A chart depicting the process of the ATS test development illustrated all eight hierarchy steps as shown in the Figure 1. The steps of the Test were as followed:

1. Defining the objectives of the test development for 6^{th} grade students. In this step, the researchers evaluated the relative importance of the objectives and the content in each subject, including additional questions with respect to the learning objectives. This test aimed at tracking the progress in development of students' analytical thinking ability (Formative).

2. Studying theories and related researches. The researchers studied relevant domestic as well as international scientific documents for the development of the analytical thinking skills test that was based on the Basic Core Curriculum, BE 2551(2008). Bloom's principles of Analytical Thinking are composed of analysis of elements, analysis of relationships and analysis of organizational principles (Bloom & Krathwohl, 1956).

3. Sixty question items were constructed based on Bloom's analytical thinking principles and the content of core curriculum BE 2551(2008) for 6th grade. Then, a draft test was made and next step was the solutions. The questions were formed in the type of multiple choices with four options. Only one is the correct answer and the three other options are incorrect.

4. The researchers invited three experts to review and investigate the 60 questions and check the index of consistency (IOC) of the test. During this step, 40 items were selected by experts' scoring with IOC value.

5. The 40 questions were then piloted with 30 6^{th} grade students at one school in Bangkok. The examination time was 50 minutes.

6. The researcher analysed each item's difficulty level and discrimination index using Simple Items Analysis (SIA) 1.0.1(Piromsombat, 2002). Finally, 30 items were selected as being in range of 0.2-0.8 of difficulty and yielding at least 0.2 for the value of the discrimination index. Program analysis determined which item should be stored, improved or cut off (see Table 1). A total of 30 items were screened and drafted for the test.

7. The 30 selected questions were then tested on sample students to assess the test difficulty index, discrimination index and reliability for the second time using the Test Analysis Program (TAP) 6.65 (Brooks & Johanson, 2003).

8. Norm was constructed in form of the normalized T-score and adjusted T-normal by using size Least Squares Method. Then, the manual of the ATS test was written. This involved the measurement of the characteristics of knowledge and skills associated with the development of students learning focusing on analytical thinking skills in the Basic Education Curriculum 2008.

Data collection and Analysis

A total of 3567 6th grade students took part in the examination in July 2014. Two ATS tests were employed, the F vs. O test and O-NET based test. Both tests comprised 30 items having four options. One was the correct answer and the other three were incorrect choices in both F vs. O and O-NET based test. The examination time was 45 minutes and the total scores were 30. Each correct response scored as 1 and each incorrect response scored as 0.



Figure 1: Chart shows analytical thinking test development process

The data obtained from all 3567 students were processed by TAP 6.65, SIA 1.0.1 and SPSS 22 statistical program and analysed. Scores were listed in descending order and the data were analysed in the following way. Descriptive statistics was used by the researchers such as mean $(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$, percentage (%), and standard deviation (S.D.). Content validity was assessed by finding the value of Index of each item. The determination of Index of Objective Congruence (IOC) assured that each item is in congruence to analytical thinking at index value IOC>0.50 (sets the standard). The construct validity based on the correlation coefficient values between item scores and total-test scores (item – test correlation).Test reliability was assessed by Kuder-Richardson's KR-20 formula and normalization of the test was established by test result transformation to normalized T-score and the adjusted T-normal by using size Least Squares Method.

FINDINGS

Constructing F vs. O Test

The researchers based the test development on 6^{th} grade's Basic Core Curriculum 2008 and Bloom's principles of Analytical Thinking theory. The test was divided into 3 categories: Thai language & Social study, Science and Others. The total number of questions was 60 as shown in Table 1. The question items of the ATS Test (F vs. O Test) were analysed with regard to the difficulty value and the discrimination power and selected From the result analysis of the constructed ATS Test (F vs. O Test), the researcher selected only when measuring in range of 0.20 - 0.80 and 0.20 or higher, respectively. Any item question yielding a discrimination power value below 0.2 was revised or cut off.

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	Number of Q	Questions
The ATS Test in each category	Created	Selected
F vs. O Test	60	30
Thai & Social Study	30	13
Science	15	9
Others	15	8

The Result Interpretation of 30 6th Grade Students in Pilot Study

Prior to the implementation of the ATS test, a pilot study was conducted with 30 6th grade students in one school in Bangkok. The result interpretation is shown in Table 2.

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Cut off points	Items ($N=40$)	Interpretation	Action
Difficulty Index (P)			
<u><</u> 0.20	3	Very Hard	Revise/Discard
0.21-0.40	14	Hard	Store
0.41-0.60	18	Medium	Store
<u>>0.61</u>	5	Very Easy	Revise/Discard
Discrimination Index(D)			
< 0.15	6	Poor	Revise/Discard
0.15-0.24	6	Good	Store
<u>> 0.25</u>	28	Very Good	Store

Descriptive Statistics

The analysis of descriptive statistics of F vs. O test and O-N ET based test was done by determining mean of scores ($\overline{\mathbf{x}}$) and standard deviation (S.D.) as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Descriptive statistics values of Tests

ATS Test	Ν	Mean $(\mathbf{\overline{X}})$	S.D.
F vs. O Test	3567	12.4244 (41.40%)	4.852 49
O-NET based Test	3567	13.1693 (43.86%)	4.325 96

Test reliabilities

The test reliability was calculated using Kuder-Richardson's Internal Consistency (KR-20) formula, measuring as 0.73 and 0.64 for the F vs. O test and O-NET based test respectively. Table 4 indicated that the F vs. O test was a reasonably reliable instrument in producing consistent scores in reference to Fraenkel & Wallen (2008) claiming that the reliability value should be greater than 0.70 to suffice the confirmation of test reliability.

Table 4: The reliability of Fact vs. Opinion Test and O-NET based Test

ATS Test	п	k	Total	S.E.M	r	Result
			scores	(from KR20)	(KR20)	
Fvs.O Test	3567	30	30	2.519	0.731	Reliability
O-NET based Test	3567	30	30	2.570	0.647	Unreliability

Content Validity, Difficulty level (P) and Discrimination Power (D)

Content Validity refers to the determination of the consistency index value between item questions and IOC value. The item questions were investigated and rated by at least three experts. Items were selected with an IOC value of at least 0.50 (Phongrat, 1997). The results of IOC value analysis showed item consistency ranging between 0.5 and 1.0. the item difficulty (P) of F vs. O test, ranged between 0.21-0.61(*Mean*, 0.414). Discriminative power (D) values were in range of 0.08-0.57 (*Mean*, 0.374), which is in fulfillment of the requirements of the difficulty index value which was expected to range between 0.2 and 0.8 and discrimination was expected to be measured at least as 0.2 (Backhoff, Larrazolo & Rosas, 2000). The analysis of the test quality left 30 items question for use potentially capable of the evaluation of students' analytical thinking skills.

For comparison of the total scores between F vs. O test and O-NET based test, the statistical t-test (Paired Sample correlations) was employed and determined the differences of significance at the 0.05 level. We found both tests were being correlated with measuring a correlation coefficient of 0.545 in the positive direction as shown in Table 5. Thus, this research presented consistent correlation between both tests in the moderate level. It was inferred that students who obtained the higher scores in the O-Net based test also achieved higher F vs. O test scores (Rovine M J. von Eye A, 1997). Hence, the ATS test was able to differentiate between students with higher and lower abilities.

Tab	le 5:	Paired	samples	corre	lation
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ATS Test	Ν	Correlation	Sig.
Pair: F vs. O test & ONET based test	3567	.545	.000

T-Test dependent for F vs. O test and O-NET based test is shown in Table 6, provided the difference value of mean, and standard deviations. For the 95% confidence interval of the difference and Sig. (2-Tailed) value illustrated two condition means which are statistically different, and often referred as the p value. The t value from calculation is equal to 10, it is indicated that F vs. O test and O-NET based test had highly relationship and significant difference at .05level.

Table 6: t-test dependent illustrated the difference value of mean, and standard deviations
Paired Differences

				95% conf of the	idence int difference	erval e		
	x	S.D.	S.E.M.	Lower	Upper	t	df	Sig.(2-tailed)
Pair1 VAR0001-VAR0002	744	4.404	.073	889	600	-10.10	3566	.000

The construct validity based on correlation coefficient value between item scores and total-test scores (Item-Test Correlation) was between 0.119-0.600, which was significantly related at 0.05 level. The correlation coefficients between scores in areas of Thai language & Social Study, Science, Others and total-test scores ranged between 0.224-0.683, 0.443-0.624 and 0.469-0.604 respectively, and were significant at 0.05 level as shown in Table 7. Additionally, the result showed that item 2,8,26 and 29 should be cut off because the correlation coefficient values (item/test) were larger than test reliability (KR20) value measuring 0.731 (Saiyos, L. & Saiyos, A., 1995).

Table 7: Correlation coefficient values between item scores and total-test scores (Item-Test Correlation)

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Item	01	12.099	4.669	0.717	2.482	0.570	0.462
Item	02	12.045	4.833	0.739+	2.468	0.119	-0.008
Item	03	11.839	4.659	0.717	2.478	0.555	0.444
Item	04	11.938	4.736	0.728	2.471	0.358	0.235
Item	05	11.993	4.699	0.723	2.475	0.453	0.335
Item	06	11.826	4.659	0.717	2.478	0.559	0.449
[tem	07	11.811	4.655	0.716	2.479	0.572	0.464
[tem	08	12.112	4.785	0.732+	2.475	0.257	0.134
Item	09	11.806	4.645	0.715	2.480	0.600	0.494
Item	10	11.995	4.659	0.717	2.478	0.554	0.443
Item	11	11.994	4.674	0.719	2.477	0.517	0.403
Item	12	12.107	4.672	0.718	2.483	0.565	0.457
Item	13	11.901	4.657	0.717	2.477	0.550	0.438
tem	14	11.991	4.715	0.725	2.474	0.413	0.293
tem	15	12.079	4.758	0.729	2.475	0.323	0.200
tem	16	12.105	4.710	0.723	2.480	0.461	0.346
tem	17	12.181	4.779	0.730	2.482	0.301	0.183
[tem	18	12.021	4.746	0.729	2.473	0.342	0.219
[tem	19	11.937	4.660	0.718	2.476	0.542	0.430
Item	20	11.981	4.733	0.727	2.472	0.367	0.245
[tem	21	11.966	4.698	0.723	2.474	0.454	0.336
Item	22	11.972	4.703	0.723	2.474	0.441	0.322
Item	23	12.115	4.701	0.721	2.481	0.493	0.380
[tem	24	12.006	4.726	0.726	2.473	0.389	0.268
tem	25	12.161	4.739	0.726	2.483	0.412	0.297
tem	26	12.210	4.799	0.732+	2.484	0.248	0.131
tem	27	12.049	4.701	0.722	2.477	0.462	0.345
Item	28	12.007	4.743	0.728	2.472	0.347	0.224
tem	29	12.134	4.792	0.733+	2.417	0.244	0.122
	30	11.854	4.717	0.725	2.473	0.409	0.288

In addition, the normalization of the F vs. O test showed raw scores that range from 1 to 30, percentile rank from 0 to 100 and normalized T scores from T15.5 to T86.3 as illustrated in figure 2. For the interpretation of the 6th grade student's ATS, an interference score was generated using the number of items completed with higher scores reflecting a better performance as follows; T-Scores of 35 or less was considered as "To be improved", T35-T45 was considered as "Low", T45-T55 was considered as "Moderate", T55-T65 was considered as "High", T65 or above was considered as "Excellent"(Taweerat, 1987).

The evaluation of students' analytical thinking skill in Samuthsakorn province using the F vs. O test revealed that 3.94% of students performed at the "Excellent" level, 6.57% ranked at the "High" level, 39.47% at the "Moderate" level, 40.70% at the "Low" level, and 5.26% ranked at the "To be improved" level.



Figure 2: Norms of students' analytical thinking skills

Additionally, the results of F vs. O test revealed that the number of students who answered items correctly in Thai language & social study, science and others as shown in Table 8.

Category	Number of students
Thai language & Social Study	38.14%
Science	32.61%
Others	29.25%

 Table 8: Number of students answered items correctly in each Category

DISCUSSION

Teaching and learning pedagogy in Thailand's classrooms are focused on "lecturing" for being teacher-centred. It is claimed in this work that such an educational methodology may explain a lack of analytical thinking and also problem-solving skills in most Thai students. For this reason, the researcher was interested in developing an analytical thinking skill test in order to promote students' analytical thinking skills and likewise to evaluate their performance. The analytical thinking test used in this study was used to enhance the educational quality in Thailand with regard to the learning of analytical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Analytical Thinking Skills practice is a thinking process and being an important factor in the development of children's intelligence to grow into adults who have quality for being critical to develop country (Triamchoedtiwong, 2006). Thinking skills and the knowledge application for solving problem and making decision are the important parts in the learning process in schools. Especially, students at grade 4-6 has focused on the development of cognitive skills following the core curriculum basic education 2008 with indicator of learning standard in using reason for decision and problem-solving in various situations appropriately. This is related with the study of logic and analytical thinking skills for 6^{th} grade students to provide the learners with enthusiasm and make them capable of discriminating which statement is fact or opinion.

This research aimed to develop a tool in form of a Fact versus Opinion test to measure the students' analytical thinking skills and to evaluate the test quality by assessment instrument. Students' variable in thinking skills had a considerable statistical effect on the test interpretation. Therefore, students' performance in analytical thinking ability was revealed to rank at the lower level. It was suspected that students' misunderstanding the question or items were too hard. With regard to the analysis results, the test reliability was 0.73 therefore it showed good qualities but the small amount of participants may have been related to the result again in the research. The statistical analysis provided information about the individual students' performance and aptitude to think analytically as well. We found that F vs. O and O-NET based test correlated consistently at .545. This indicates that the F vs. O test can be used as a tool for evaluation of 6th grade students' analytical thinking skills and also, it can be used as a guideline for teachers to design other analytical thinking tests.

Furthermore, construct validity based on correlation coefficient between item scores and total-test scores showed the reasonable values. Therefore, the test is considered as the quality of being trustworthy.

CONCLUSION

With the development of an ATS test in form of F vs. O test in which the students' test scores in Samuthsakorn province was lower than expected, the obtained results showed that 40.7% of students had relatively low levels of analytical thinking skills. This might be correlated to the fact that the standard of education in this province was ranking in the "low" group. Additionally, one factor which may ascribe to such result is the educational situation of up-country schools in Thailand for presenting lower educational standards as in Bangkok city.

From this study, ATS test will be beneficial for students in developing their analytical thinking, problem solving ability and right decision-making. And also, the test is able to reflect the students' analytical thinking skills and to develop them into the higher-order thinking i.e., synthetic, creative and critical thinking, which meets the Core Curriculum 2008 objectives and the IV educational standard that prescribes the learners' ability. Moreover, learning and teaching processes should be focused on the content of fundamental tests in order to develop the students' analytical thinking skills into higher level. The question items were performed in compliance with standard methodology and

rated as in medium level of difficulty. The discrimination power was in the acceptable criterion. Nevertheless, the above results indicated that the test should have to be improved more for higher validity and reliability.

The suggestion for teachers in using the analytical thinking test as a supplementary tool for developing the students' thinking ability is that they should place more emphasis on the learning activities concerning the analytical thinking. For example, design the activities or exercises that were relevant to the analytical thinking and apply them within context, gender and age of students.

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Turkish Abstract

Gerçeğe karşı Düşünce Farkına Dayalı Olarak Öğrencilerin Analitik Düşünmelerini Değerlendiren Bir Test Geliştirmek

Bugünlerde, Tayland'da eğitimin en büyük zorluklarından biri öğrencilerin düşünme becerilerini artırmak ve geliştirmek. Bu araştırmanın asıl amacı 6. sınıf öğrencileri için analitik düşünme testleri geliştirmek ve öğrencilerin analitik düşüncelerini değerlendirmektir. Örneklem 3567 6. sınıf öğrencisinden 2014 akademik yılında Samuthsakorn bölgesinde, Tayland'da bu zamana kadar analitik düşünme testi için ulaşılan en büyük örneklemdir. Veri toplama araçları analitik düşünme becerileri testi; Gerçek vs Düşünce testi (G vs. D testi) ve Olağan Ulusal Eğitim temelli test (O-NET). Toplanan veriler TAP 6.65, SIA1.0.1 ve SPSS 22 istatistik programlarıyla analiz edilmiştir. Sonuçlar G vs. D testiyle O-NET temelli testler arasında tutarlık tespit etmiştir. Ayrıca, birçok 6. sınıf analitik düşünme becerilerinde yetersiz düzeydedirler. İhtiyaç duyulan gelişmeler aracılığıyla geliştirilen G. ve D. testinin öğrencilerin analitik düşünme becerilerinin değerlendirilmesi ve yükseltilmesi için önemli olduğunu düşünmekteyiz.

Anahtar Kelimler: analitik düşünme becerisi, gerçek vs düşünce, O-NET temelli test, test kalitesi, ATS test

French Abstract

Développement d'un Test pour Évaluer la Pensée Analytique d'Étudiants Basée sur Fait contre Différenciation d'Avis

De nos jours, un des plus grands défis d'enseignement en Thaïlande est le développement et la promotion des compétences de pensée des étudiants. Les buts principaux de cette recherche étaient de développer le test pensant analytique sur des étudiants de 6ème et évaluer la pensée analytique des étudiants. L'échantillon a été composé de 3567 étudiants de 6ème d'année d'universitaire de 2014 d'écoles dans le domaine Samuthsakorn, la plus grande taille type atteinte jusqu'ici pour un test pensant analytique en Thaïlande. Les instruments pour rassembler des données étaient le test de compétence pensant analytique; fait contre. Test d'avis (F contre. O le test) et le test basé Éducatif national Ordinaire (l'O-réseau le test basé) .Collected des données a été analysé par DÉCOUVRENT 6.65, SIA1.0.1 et SPSS 22 programmes statistiques. Les résultats ont révélé la cohérence(consistance) statistique entre F contre. O testent et l'O-réseau le test basé. De plus, la plupart des étudiants de 6ème étaient dans le niveau "Insatisfaisant" de compétences

pensantes analytiques. Quoique les améliorations soient très nécessaires, nous croyons que notre Fait développé contre le test d'Avis convient à la promotion et l'évaluation des compétences pensantes analytiques des étudiants.

Mots Clés: habileté (compétence) pensante analytique, fait contre avis, O-réseau test basé, qualité de test, ATS test

Arabic Abstract

تطوير اختبار لتقييم التفكير التحليلي لدي الطلاب بناء على الحقائق مقابل الرأى التمايز

في الوقت الحاضر، أحد أكبر التحديات التي تواجه التعليم في تايلند هو تطوير وتعزيز مهارات التفكير لدى الطلاب. وتمثلت الأهداف الرئيسية من هذا البحث إلى تطوير اختبار التفكير التحليلي للطلاب المستوى السادس وتقبيم التفكير التحليلي لدى الطلاب. وتألفت عينة الدراسة من 3567 طالبا مستوى السادس عام 2014 السنة الدراسية من المدارس في محافظة Samuthsakorn، وأكبر حجم العينة وصلت حتى الأن لاختبار التفكير التحليلي في تايلاند. وكانت الأدوات اللازمة لجمع البيانات والتحليل اختبار مهارة التفكير. وقد تم تحليل الواقع مقابل اختبار الرأي (F vs. O test) والعادي الوطنية للتربية على أساس الاختبار (اختبار ADT) وقد تم تحليل الواقع مقابل اختبار الرأي (F vs. O test) والعادي الوطنية للتربية على أساس الاختبار (اختبار ADT) وقد تم تحليل البيانات التي تم جمعها من خلال 5.00 ملك، المالات الاتي الاتوافقة إلى البرامج الإحصائية. وكشفت نتائج الاتساق إحصائية بين F مقابل اختبار O و اختبار على أساس SPS2 و الإختبار عادة إلى ندك، كان مهارات التفكير التحليلي لمعظم الطلاب المستوى السادس في الدرجة غير مرضية". على الرغم هناك داخب إلى تحسينات بكثير، ونحن نعتقد أن لدينا وقائع وضعت مقابل اختبار الرأي يناسب تعزيز وتقييم مهارات التفكير التحليلي لد الطلاب.

كلمات البحث: التحليلية مهارة التفكير، الواقع مقابل الرأي، اختبار على أساس O-NET ، ونوعية الاختبار، اختبار ATS

German Abstract

Entwicklung eines Test-analytisches Denken von Studenten auf Fact gegen Differenzierung Basierend auf auswerten Stellungnahme

Heutzutage ist eine der größten Herausforderungen der Bildung in Thailand ist die Entwicklung und Förderung der Denkfähigkeiten der Schüler. Die Hauptziele dieser Forschung waren die analytische Denken Test für 6. Klasse Schüler zu entwickeln und die Schüler analytisches Denken zu bewerten Die Probe von 3567 6. Klasse Studenten 2014 Studienjahr der Schulen in der Provinz Samut Sakhon zusammengesetzt war, die größte Probengröße bisher für ein analytisches Denken Test in Thailand erreicht. Die Instrumente für die Datensammlung waren die analytische Denken praktische Prüfung; Tatsache vs. Meinungstest (F vs. O-Test) und gewöhnlichen nationalen Bildungs basierten Test (O-NET basierte Test). Die gesammelten Daten wurden durch TAP analysiert 6,65, SIA1.0.1 und SPSS statistischen Programmen. Die Ergebnisse zeigten, statistische Konsistenz zwischen F vs. O-Test und O-NET-basierter Test. Darüber hinaus waren die meisten der 6. Klasse Schüler in "Unbefriedigend" Ebene des analytischen Denkens Fähigkeiten. Obwohl Verbesserungen dringend benötigt werden, glauben wir, dass unsere entwickelte Tatsache vs. Meinungstest passt Förderung und Bewertung der analytischen Denkfähigkeiten der Schüler.

Schlüsselwörter: analytisches denken fähigkeit, tatsächlich gegen meinung, O-NET-basierter test, der qualität der test, ATS test

Malaysian Abstract

Pembangunan Ujian untuk Menilai Analisis Pelajar Berfikir Berdasarkan Fakta berbanding Pendapat Pembezaan

Pada masa kini, salah satu cabaran terbesar pendidikan di Thailand ialah pembangunan dan promosi kemahiran berfikir pelajar. Tujuan utama kajian ini adalah untuk membangunkan ujian pemikiran analitikal untuk pelajar gred 6 dan menilai pemikiran analitikal pelajar. Sampel terdiri daripada 3567 pelajar 6 gred 2014 tahun akademik sekolah di wilayah Samuthsakorn, saiz sampel yang terbesar dicapai setakat ini untuk ujian pemikiran analitikal di Thailand. Instrumen yang digunakan untuk mengumpul data adalah ujian kemahiran berfikir analisis; Fakta vs ujian Pendapat (F vs ujian O) dan Biasa ujian berasaskan Negara Pendidikan (berdasarkan test O-NET) data. Collected dianalisis melalui TAP 6.65, program statistik SIA1.0.1 dan SPSS 22. Keputusan mendedahkan konsisten statistik antara F vs ujian O dan ujian berasaskan O-NET. Di samping itu, kebanyakan pelajar gred 6 berada pada tahap "tidak memuaskan" kemahiran pemikiran analitikal. Walaupun penambahbaikan amat diperlukan, kami percaya bahawa kami Fakta dibangunkan vs ujian Pendapat sesuai dengan kenaikan tahap dan penilaian kemahiran pemikiran analitikal pelajar.

Kata Kunci: kemahiran berfikir analitikal, fakta vs. pendapat, ujian berasaskan O-NET, kualiti ujian, ujian ATS