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This study discovers teachers'problems in designing Summative Test at Senior High School Kepahiang. This descriptive quantitative research, discusses the problems of teachers at Senior High School Kepahiang. In obtaining data, 62 teachers were given a questionnaire to determine teeachers' problems in designing english Summative test. After getting the data, the researcher analyzed the teachers' responses by calculating the frequency and percentage. This study shows that the majority of teachers already had a good level of understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test. The teachers' levels of understanding were portrayed on their responses to the questionnaire items classified based on several themes or indicators taken from the constructed theories, including 1) characteristics of a good test, 2) planning a test, and 3) designing a test. In addition, the study also shows that majority the teachers had some problems in several aspects, namely 1) class and student communication frequency and 2) feedback from students to teachers to understand the students' level of understanding.
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## CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

## A Background of the Research

The teaching and learning process has a target that students can master english skills properly. Students' achievement become feedback for teachers and students. To measure student's achievement for previously given material, a learning evaluation is needed. Therefore, the teaching learning process and the evaluation must not be separated from each other.

Evaluation concerns all of the activities to improve quality, productivity, or performance in an institution during the teaching learning process. Especially in the education field, evaluation is needed to find information that focus on students achievement reached by a group or class. The students who had a satisfying or unsatisfying result will be motivated to increase their skill. However, some students who get good grades tend to be lazy to study and feel satisfied with their accomplishment and the students who fail on his assessment will lose their motivation to study. The information through the evaluation will be used by teachers to anticipate and prevent this learning process failing, so they can develop their teaching methods to increase their performance and student's achievement. They also can consider whether the teaching and learning process is successful or unsuccessfull.

There are techniques can be applied to find information throught that evaluation. One of them is an achievement test. Huges demonstated that achievement test have two types, the first is final achievement test and the second
is progress achievement test. ${ }^{1}$ That statement presents an agreement that measuring student ability use two kinds of achievement test. The first is final achievement test which is comprehended by summative test. The last test is progress achievement test or formative test. Two kinds of this test must be pleasantly constructed by a teacher who wants to measure their students abillity.

Designing a good test is exhausting and need a guide. It needs a hard work for the teacher. Brown sets out several stages of test construction which consist of determining test objectives, drawing up test specifications, devising test task, scoring, grading, and giving feedback. To produce a better one, a teacher must follow the available syllabus and deal with many references related to the rules on how the test items should be made. As a consequence, the teacher is not allowed to make a test based on his desires without referring to the syllabus. Testers need to understand the test takers, their previous experience and background, and their abilities. ${ }^{2}$

A test made by teachers in the classroom should be in line with the syllabus, and the content of the test must measure what is intended to measure, in this case is the language skill taught by teachers. Is discussing the validity, the validity of a test is the extent to which a test measures what is intended to measure. Without validity there can be no confidence in the inferences and conclusions made from the results. It can be understood that validity hold enough

[^0]important roles, it is seen from the content of its validity that is the test made by examiner must be able measure a competence.

Content validity is important to analyze the test. When the test which are given to the students is not valid, there are some effects. Firstly, the test can not measure the students achievement sufficiently. Secondly, the students are stiff to find the answers of the test because its material is not boned yet. The last, there is no concurrence between test item and material learnt which cause the students hardly to reach high score in the test.

Based on the pre-observations the writer had done at Senior High School Kepahiang, the writer found some interesting cases. First, there are some summative test sheets identical to the tasks in the printed book that students have studied, some test items or summative tests sheets were downloaded directly from the internet, and some test items served blurry pictures. Second, from the summative test assessement, there were several classes in which nearly all of his students failed the exam and required additional exams. Third, through open interviews with some teachers, the answers are they have constructed the test matter right, whether the tests are found on the internet or in printed books, the materials have already been studied by students. Therefore, the writer is interested to make a research on the research title "Teachers' Problems in Designing Summative Test at Senior High School Kepahiang".

## B Research Questions

Based on the background of the research mentioned above, the problem of this research are :

1. How is teachers' understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test?
2. What are the problems faced by teachers in designing a summative test?

## C The Objective of Research

The objectives of this research are to investigate :

1. Teachers' understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test.
2. Teachers' problems in designing a summative test.

## D Delimination of the Research

The researcher limits the study discussing as follow :

1. The research focus on the understanding and problems of teachers in designing summative test.
2. The test being analyzed is the English summative test for senior students of Senior High School which are placed in Kepahiang.
3. The research concentered on reading and writing skills only because the summative test agree with particulars of multiple choice and essay.

## E Definition of Key Terms

1. Teachers' problems

Teachers' problem in the study of science studies are often defined as the gap between expectation (aspired) and reality (generated). ${ }^{3}$ In this research, teachers' problems were defined as some challanges faced by the teachers or their problems in designing summative test items to assess student's english achievement at Senior High School Kepahiang.
2. Designing Summative test

Design was defined as an action to work out the details of something. The essential meaning of design is to plan and make decisions about something that is being built or created. ${ }^{4}$ Test is a method of measuring a person's ability, knowledge, or performance in a given domain. ${ }^{5}$ The test method used have to be structured by several techniques that provide an accurate measure or provide an explicit method. The test measure ability, knowledge, or performance in general or focus on specific competencies. Test are a subset of assessment. Assessment is an ongoing process that includes a much wider dominan. Whenever students offers a comment or answer the questions, these include an assessment that must be remarked by the teachers.

[^1]Summative test or final achievement test are those administered at the end of a course of study. ${ }^{6}$ In sum, designing a summative test is an action by teachers to plan and make decisions about final achievement test.

## F The Significance of the Research

The result of this study is expected to give a description for the readers about teachers' problems in designing summative test at Senior High School. It also can be used as an input for the readers; especially for the English teachers, the headmaster, and all people who are involved and responsible in developing quality of education. In other word, it is useful for all people to know the characteristics of a good test and for the researchers as the basic for conducting further research.

[^2]
## CHAPTER II

## REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

## A. Test in Teaching

1. The Concept of the Test

Test is a formal, systematic procedure used to gather information about students' achievement or other cognitive skills. ${ }^{7}$ In addition, testing is primarily about establishing ways of making decisions that are (hopefully) not random, and seen as fair by the population. ${ }^{8}$ The procedures are systematic that measure person's ability or knowledge in agiven domain.

Generally, testing has several purpose, such as:
a. To measure language proficiency
b. To discover how successful students have been in achieving the objectives of a course of study.
c. To diagnose students' strengths and weaknesses, to identify what they know and what they do not know.
d. To assist placement of students by identifying the stage or part of a teaching program most appropriate to their ability. ${ }^{9}$
2. The Important of the Test

As one of the important part in teaching and learning process, the main important of test is to measure students' achievement toward the material given and inform the teacher how far the material has been understood by the

[^3]students, as describe by Bostwick and Gakuen state that test in an assessment can be used to improve instruction and help students take control of their own learning. That is more likely to be accomplished when assessment is authentic and tied to the instructional goals of the program. ${ }^{10}$ According to the explanation above, the test generally become a guidance for students to anlyze their strength and weaknes as a basis for improving their ability and to learn more about the material which still have the lower score by giving the real information to the students based on their performance. The decision will be taken by teachers or schools influence the prospect and opportunities of students to be success and pass the exams. In the other hand, the most significance of the test are to provide feedback and helping students to learn.

It can be concluded that the test is done as an effort to evaluate students' progress and improvement by giving the real information to the students based on their performance. In assessing students ability, the teacher does not work freely but there are some points that must be considered in order to get the fair result of evaluation. It includes the assessment types in assessing students and the teachers' technique in assessing students that relates to how the teacher gives the score to students' performance based on the criteria. Through these three aspects, the effective assessment is hoped to be reach.

[^4]3. Kinds of Test

Arthur Huges in "Testing for Language Teacher" state four types of test, proficiency test, achievement test, diagnostic test, and placement test. ${ }^{11}$
a. Proficiency Test

According to J.B. Heaton that the proficiency test is concerned simply with measuring a student"s control of the language in the light of what he or she will be expected to do with it in the future performance of a particular task. ${ }^{12}$ Whereas James Dean Brown uttered that a proficiency test assesst the general knowledge or skills commonly required or prerequisite to entry into (or exemption from) a group of similar institution. ${ }^{13}$

Proficiency test or aptitude test is a type of tests designed to measure person's ability to use language, regardless of his education in that language. Therefore, the content of this test, is not based on the content or objectives of the language courses taken by the participant, but based on a specification of the completed courses. Applicants must have language skill to be recognized as a professional.

Proficiency test is widely used for grading or selection, and its relative value lies in the ability to assign students to required subjects according to their abilities.

[^5]b. Achievement test

As the name suggested, the test is used to determine the extent to which individual student, the student group, or the course itself achieves its goals. H. Douglas Brown stated that an achievement test is related directly to classroom lessons, units, or even a total curriculum. This test is limited to particular material covered in a curriculum within a particular time frame, and is offerred after a course has covered the objectives inquestion. ${ }^{14}$

According to Mehres and Lehmann stated on the book A guide to language testing:Development, Evaluation and Research, achievement test may be used for program evaluation as well as for certification of learned competence. It follows that such tests normally come after a program of instruction and that the components or items of the tests are drawn from the content of instruction directly. ${ }^{15}$

It can be concluded that achievement test is used to measure the learning level in a specific content area, and it is usually consistent with the clearly stated course objectives. Many times, when students know that they will take the weekend test or the semester achievement test, the result is an increase in study time, approaching the hour test.

[^6]According to Arthur Huges, there are two types of achievement test: ${ }^{16}$
a. Summative Test (Final Achievement Test)

Summative assessments are efforts to use information about students or programs after a set of instructional segments has occurred. Their purpose is to summarize how well a particular student, group of students, or teacher performed on a set of learning standards or objectives. Information obtained from summative assessments is used by teachers to determine grades and to explain reports sent to students and their parents. ${ }^{17}$

In summative testing, it is expected that test scores to carry generalizable meaning; that is, the score can be interpreted to mean something beyond the context in which the learner is tested. ${ }^{18}$

It is concluded that, summative test is cunducted at the end of the course and can be formulated and implemented by the staff of the ministry of education, the official examination committee or the educational institution. The purpose of this test is to understand how successful students learned the previous material during a long study period.

[^7]b. Formative Test (Progress Achievement Test)

This is measure of the progress made in completing the final performance test, with an expected increase of points to show that progress has been made.

Formative tests take place while interacting with students and focused on making quick and specific decisions about what to do next in order to help students learn. They all rely on information collected through either structured formal activities or informal observations made during the process of instruction. ${ }^{19}$

Formative tests are typically designed to measure the extent to which students have mastered the learning outcomes of a rather limited segment of instruction, such as a unit or a textbook chapter. Thesetests are similar to the quizzes and unit tests that teachers have traditionally used, but they place greater emphasis on (1) measuring all of the intended outcomes of the unit of instruction, and (2) using the results to improve learning (rather than to assign grades). ${ }^{20}$

The formative test results provide the information about the students' mastery of a subject. The purpose is to determine the success and failure of students for learning and learning adjustments. The formative test also determines whether the student has not mastered the learning tasks he taught, it can guide him to correct the learning errors.

[^8]c. Diagnostic Test

Diagnostic test is designed to determine the degree to which the specific instructional objectives of the course have been accomplished. ${ }^{21}$ The diagnostic test is widely used; few tests are constructed solely as diagnostic tests. Note that diagnostic testing is frequently carried out of groups of students rather for individuals. ${ }^{22}$

Therefore, diagnostic tests are designed to diagnose specific aspect of the language and can be used to verify that students are learning specific element of the course. For example: it can be used at the end of a chapter in the text book or after completing a specific course.

## d. Placement Test

The placement test provides an invaluable aid for placing each student at the most beneficial position in the instructional sequence. ${ }^{23}$

The purpose of placement test is to place a student into an appropriate level or section of a language curriculum or school. A placement test typically includes a sampling of material to be covered in the curriculum (that is, it has content validity), and it thereby provides an indication of the point at which the student will find a level or class to be neither too easy nor too difficult, but appropriately challenging. ${ }^{24}$

Therefore, the placement test is designed to provide information to help students reach the level or part of the teaching plan that best suits

[^9]their abilities. The classroom teacher may know that students are ready to start learning and incorporate it as part of classroom activities under proper guidance.

## 4. Characteristics of a Good Test

A test design must identify different tests based on the purpose, time, topic, and the most specific characteristics of a good test. if a test has a certain score on the four characteristics that you are late, then it can be called a Good test. Effectiveness, reliability, predictability and objectivity, teachers can motivate students to improve their learning.

1) Practical

An effective test is practical. This means that it is not excessively expensive, stays within appropriate time constraints, is relatively easy to admiister, and has a scoring or evaluation procedure that is specific and time-efficient. ${ }^{25}$
2) Reliability

A reliable test is consistent and dependable. It means if the test is given to the same student or matched students on two different occasions, the test should yield similar result. ${ }^{26}$

In the other hand, reliability test is affected by a number of factors, chief among them being the adequancy of the sampling of task. Poor students motivation can be attributed to weaknesses in the test or the

[^10]testing procedure, and sometimes it is caused by factors beyond either the test writer's or examiner's control. ${ }^{27}$

In sum, Reliability refers to the stability of test result. If the measurements are consistent, the test cannot measure well. For example, in order to be safe on the meter, we need to ensure that the results of about are the same.
3) Validity

Validity is the most complex criterion of an effective test and arguably the most important principle. ${ }^{28}$ If the test results are based on a reliable analysis of the skills we want to measure, and if there is enough evidence that the test score are closely related to the actual skills in the tested skill area, then we can feel quite safe. As long as the test valids to our purpose.
4) Authenticity

Authenticity is the degree of correspondence of the characteristics of a given language test task to the features of a target language task, and then suggest an agenda for identifying those target language tasks and for transforming them into valid test items. ${ }^{29}$

[^11]
## 5) Washback

Washback generally refers to the effects the tests have on instruction in terms of how students prepare for the test. ${ }^{30}$

In brief summary, as an evaluator or teacher of development evaluation, there should be something available in the evaluation. First, when choosing a test, the teacher may think, "What exactly does the test measure? How effective is the test measurement? Second, whether the test is practical or not. Third, the topic selection should be contextual and meaningful. The latter is the impact of examinations on teaching and learning.

## B. Summative Test

1. Concept of Summative Test

Summative test takes place at the end of a large chunk of learning, with the results being primarily for the teacher's or school's use. Alberta said Summative test is usually conducted at specific times, after students have had opportunities to practice, at the end of a unit or semester or at the end of reporting period. Summative test typically are given to students at the end of a set point during or at the end of the semester to assess what has been learned and and how well it was learned. ${ }^{31}$ Teachers or schools can use this test to

[^12]identify of curriculum and instruction with improvement affecting the term's student. Summative test can be done through paper and pencil tests, unit tests, grading of student assignments, presentation and projects, grading of student portofolios.

The types of summative test are: ${ }^{32}$
a. Examinations
b. Final Examinations
c. Term papers
d. Project
e. Portfolios
f. Performance
g. Students evaluation of the course

The summative test records learning at the end of an instructional segment, discourage the students and the effect is weak and fleeting. Moreover, summative tests are used to evaluate student learning skill acquisition and academic achievement at the conclusion of a defined instructional period. This test as mean of the measuring student's achieving after having training process. It is the formal testing of what has been learned in order to produce marks or grades which may be used for reports of various types and given periodically to determine at a particular point in time.

[^13]
## 2. Subjective Test

Subjective tests mostly used during the intuitive era and later on the objective ones have been often used now since the scientific and communicative era. Tinambunan stated that subjective test items present a less structured task than objective type items, and consequently it is more difficult to control the nature of the student's response. ${ }^{33}$

Subjective test is generally in the form of essay question or rather long supply-type item. In essay test, the tester must think carefully of what to say and then express ideas as well as possible. The subjective judgment of scores enters into the scoring, and thus, the scores differs from one scores to another and from one time to another the same scorer.
3. Objective Test

The objective test includes a variety of forms of test tasks having in common the characteristic that the correct answer, usually only one, is determined when the test item is written. Thorndike and Hagen Stated the word "objective" in objective test refers only to the scoring of the answers; the choice of content and coverage of an objective test is probably as subjective as the choice of content and coverage of an essay test, and for some types of items there is subjective judgment involved in the original decision as to what is the correct answer. ${ }^{34}$

Karmel stated the objective test is so called objective because the scoring procedure is determined when the test is written. That is, the correct answer, usually only one, is, completing stated before testing. Thus the grader can be completely objective about the answer. ${ }^{35}$ The objective test is a structured examination. That is, each examinee is presented with exactly the same

[^14]problem. The objective, on the other hand, being completely structured, must be answered in a prescribed manner. The students is not called upon to organize his response as he is in the essay format. The objective test requires the student to recognize, not to recall, the correct answer. This is because most objective tests present given alternatives (with the exception of the completion item), one of which is the correct response.

## 4. Types of Objective Items

According to Karmel, there are four types of objective items, there are: ${ }^{36}$

## a. True-False Items

The true-false item has been very popular with teachers, probably because it is easy to construct and requires little time. The following statements are representative of the major drawbacks of the true-false item:
a) The true-false item tends to be greatly influenced by guessing.
b) It is almost impossible to make statements either absolutely true or absolutely false.
c) True-false tests foster poor test-talking habits. Students are clever and will second-guess the teacher who employs the true-false item and discern pattern.
b. Completion Items

Completion items require the student to fill in a blank that completes the sentence or answer a specific question. The completion item is related to the essay item and serves as a bridge between the objective and essay test. On the one hand, it is objective, in the sense that a prearranged answer can be chosen before testing; on the other hand, it is

[^15]related to the essay test because the student must produce the correct answer rather than recognize it. The completion item is especially useful for appraising your student's knowledge of facts, such as names and dates.
c. Matching Items

The matching item's major advantage is that it condenses a great deal of material into a limited amount of space. The matching item is simply a modification of the multiple-choice form. Instead of the possible responses being listed underneath each individual stem, a series of stems, called premises, is listed in one column and the responses are listed in another column.
d. Multiple-Choice Items

The multiple-choice format is one of the most popular and effective of all the objective tests. It consist of two part: (1) the stem, which states the problem, and (2) a list of options, one of which is to be selected as the answer. The stem may be stated as a question or as n incomplete statement. The multiple choice item can be used appraise almost any educational objective with the exception, of course, of student organization and ability to produce answers.

## C. Designing Summative Test

## 1. Planning the Tests

Design and conduct summative test is a part of instructional design. Dick and Carey stated ten phases of instructional design which ends with the design of summative test. ${ }^{37}$

[^16]a. Identify Instructional Goal
b. Conduct Instructional Analysis
c. Analyze Learners and Context
d. Write Performance Objectives
e. Develop Assessment Instruments
f. Develop Instructional Strategy
g. Develop and Select Instructional Materials
h. Design and Conduct Formative Evaluation of Instruction
i. Revise Instruction
j. Design and Conduct Summative Evaluation

Summative test occurs only after the instruction has been formatively evaluated and sufficiently revised. The summative test that made by teachers should pay attention to the formative test and other part of instructional design. So, before design a test, the teachers must determine assessment goals, competence standars, and basic competence that will be measured. Depdiknas stated some instructions before design a test, that are: ${ }^{38}$
a. Identify the assessment goals. The porpuses of assessment is crucial because each assessment has different purposes, for example the purposes of learning achievement tests, diagnostics test, placement test, or proficiency test.
b. Focus on Standard Competence (SK) and Basic Competence (KD). Competence standard is a primarily target should be measured through each basic scompetences.
c. Identify the test instrument. The test materials should consider the urgency ( the materials should be mastered by the learners),

[^17]continuity (advanced materials), relevance (have beneficial to other subject), and have beneficial in learners' daily. The teachers also should pay attention to the form of the test, for example oral tests or written tests.
d. Design the examination grid with its suspension guidelines.

In addition, in constructing a summative test to fit a set of specification, the test maker may choose from variety of item types. Some of the test items are referred to as objective items, because they can be scored objectively. That is, equally competent scorers can score them independently and obtain the same result. They also include the following selection-type items: multiplechoice, true-false, and matching. They also include the supply-type items that are limited to short answers (several words or less), even though such items are not completely objectives. The other supply- type item, the essay question, is subjective. That is, the subjective judgment of tdhe scorer enters into scoring, and thus, the scores differ from one scorer to another for the same scorer.

## 2. Designing Objective Test

Designing a summative test, almost teachers especially in Senior High School agreed to use multiple-choice items and essay as the instrument to assess students' achievement. Some of them also designing matching items as a modification of multiple-choice items.

## a. Designing Multiple-Choice Items

The multiple-choice item is generally recognized as the most widely applicable and useful type of summative test item. It can more
effectively measure many of the simple learning outcomes measured by the short-item or completion, the true false item and the matching item. It can measure a variety of $t$ he more complex learning outcomes in the knowledge, understanding and application areas.

Grounlund stated a multiple-choice item consists of a problem and a list of suggested solutions. The problem may be stated in the form of a direct question or an incomplete statement and is called the stem of the item. The list of suggested solutions may include words, numbers, symbols, or phrases and are called alternatives. The pupil is typically requested to read the stem and the list of alternatives and to select the one correct, or best, alternative. The correct alternative in each item called merely answer, while the remaining alternatives are called distracters. ${ }^{39}$

According to Brown, there are four criteria in constructing multiple choice test. The four criteria are: ${ }^{40}$
a) Design each item to measure a specific objective.
b) State both stem and options as simply and directly as possible.
c) Make certain that intended answer is clearly the only one correct answer.
d) State the stem of the item in positive form, wherever possible.

[^18]Bloom also suggest five criteria for constructing multiple choice test. The criteria as stated below: ${ }^{11}$
a) Have all unintentional clues been avoided?
b) Are all of the distracters plausible?
c) Has needless redundancy been avoided in the options?
d) Has the ordering of the options been carefully considered? Or are the correct answer randomly assigned?
e) Have distracters like "none of the above," A and B only", etc. been avoided?

Design a multiple-choice items requires precision and skill. Based on the Ministry of Education, there are some rules in designing the multiple-choice items. They can been sen on the following table. ${ }^{42}$

## Table 1

## The rules in designing Multiple Choice Items

| The Material Aspects | a. The items are matched to the indicators |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | b. Make sure there is only one anwer key for each item. |
|  | c. The material is matched to the assessment goals. |
|  | d. The material is appropriate tho the students' level. |
|  | e. The distractors are available in the answers. |

[^19]| The Construction Aspects | f. State the stem of the item in simple, clear language. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | g. Present a single clearly formulated problem in the stem of the item. |
|  | h. Avoid verbal clues that might enable students to select the correct answer or to eliminate an incorect alternative. |
|  | i. State the stem of the item in positive form, wherever possible. |
|  | j. Emphasize negative wording wherever it is used in the stem of an item. |
|  | k. Make all alternatives gramatically consistent with the stem of the item. |
|  | 1. Avoid using the alternative "all of the above," and use "none of the above" with the extreme caution. |
|  | m . Vary the relative lenght of the correct answer to eliminate lenght |
|  | n. Sorted the answer based on the numbers and times. |
|  | o. Use the effective item format. |
|  | p. Make certain each item is independent of the other items in the test. |
| Language Aspects | q. Present a communicative language. |
|  | r. The statement present a common language. |
|  | s. Present a clear statement to avoid misunderstanding to the item. |
|  | t. The statement is not containing the offensive words. |

## b. Designing Matching Items

Some teachers prefer to use matching items, because it is a simply modification of the multiple-choice form. Gronlund satated some rules for constructing matcing items, that are: ${ }^{43}$

[^20]a) Include only homogeneous material in each matching item.
b) Keep the list of items short and place the brief response on the right.
c) Use a larger, or smaller, number of responses than premises, and permit the responses to be used more than once.
d) Specify in the directions the basis for matching and indicate that each response may be used once, more than once, or not at all.

## 2. Designing Subjective Test

Subjective test is generally in the form of essay question. Contructing essays test requires precision of the test maker. The accuracy of the test requires students to organize their ideas in written form. Constructing essays test is devided into three rules, that are: ${ }^{44}$
a. The materials

The materials of essays test must consist of:

1) The items are matched to the indicators
2) Every questions must be given the expected answer limit.
3) The items are matched to the assessment goals.
4) The material is appropriate tho the students' level.
b. The Constructions

In designing an essay test, the test maker should agree with these following rules.

[^21]a. The items use a question/command that demands the unravelled answers.
b. Present a clear statement for each item.
c. Each items should have its suspension guidelines.
d. Use the effective item format.
b. The Languages

The test makers should pay attention to the languge that they used as following rules.
a. The items present communicative language.
b. The items present a common language.
c. Avoid the ambigous sentence.
d. The statement is not containing the offensive words.

## D. Problems in Designing Summative Test

## 1. Teachers problems on Assessment

The term problem / problematic originates from Latin, namely "problematic" Where is in the Indonesian dictionary, the problem means things that cannot be solved; which causes difficulties to solve it. ${ }^{45}$ As for the problem itself "is an obstacle or problem that must be solved in other words the problem is the gap between reality and something that is expected to be good, in order to achieve maximum results," come from internal or external factors.

[^22]As Homby argues that teachers' problems in the study of science studies are often defined as the gap between expectations (aspired) and reality (generated). Thus an effort is needed to aim at something as expected. ${ }^{46}$ Learning success in largely determined by how far the teacher is able to minimize or resolve existing problems. The fewer problems the greater the chance of student learning success, and vice versa, in addressing or perceiving the learning process. This problem arises from the teacher's perspective on the teacher's role and the meaning of learning. Third, social problems, namely problems related to the relationship and communication between teachers and other elements outside the teacher, such as the lack of harmony between teachers and students, between school leaders and students, even among fellow students. ${ }^{47}$ The disharmony between teachers and students can be caused in addition to cultural factors which can also be caused by patterns or system of leadership that lack democracy or pay little attention to humanitarian issues.

Fu Ren suggested some ways to build a harmonious relationship between teachers and students, that are: ${ }^{48}$
a) Class and students communicative frequently, through the communication with the students to show the school practices and requirements, close the ditance to the students, communicate feelings.

[^23]b) Class management democratization, teachers give full play to students' enthusiasm and creativity, realize the harmonious unificationof class, and democratic class.

## 2. Educational Partnership in enhancing student assessment

The cooperation between different participators at the local level and the transparency of the evaluation process are also important. Involving students in the assessment process is an effective way to increase student confidence, because as confidence increases, so does belief in learning.

If teacher fail to verify their observations or grades, students may not be able to obtain evaluation assisstace. Russell and Austin in their research stated that many teachers will independently develop their own assessment methods without considering the asessments methods of their colleagues. ${ }^{49}$ Teachers should share and evaluate the assessment strategy with their colleagues. They can share information and develop their understanding of the assessment process between and within schools, enabling them to redefine their own teaching practices, student learning, and understanding of subject goals. ${ }^{50}$

## 3. Feedback in Supporting Learning

Feedback is an important part of the learning cycle and lies at the core of the assessment. Versatile feedback is an element in ensuring transparent and therefore fair assessment processess. Feedback should follow a three way

[^24]path: from students to teachers so that the teacher can understand the students' level of understanding; from teacher to students, whereby the teacher responds to a challange or extends the student's ideas and from student to student, in as much as students can help and be helped by mutual dialogue. ${ }^{51}$

The feedback provided by teachers to students seem to have a social and managerial role, usually at the expense of teaching. Collecting grades to complete the record takes priority over analyzing student performance to determine learning needs. Teachers do not know the grades of their students’ past teacher.

## 4. Components of the Change Environtment that Facilitates of Assessment

## Practices

There are four Factors that affect teachers' adoption of Assessment. First, personal factors related to teachers' personal and professional values and can change from one teacher to another. The factors as following the teachers' beliefs and values, teachers' knowledge or pedagogical content knowledge, teacher's attitudes, teachers' orientations, teachers' perceptions, and teachers' understanding of assessment. Second, contextual factors, are directly related with the teaching context that includes schools' environtment and realities. The factors affect teachers' decisions about assessment. The policy and context of school, the support from the institute, students' attitude, and social cultural also following the contextual factors of teachers made-test. Third,

[^25]external factors, also affect teachers' classroom practices and decissions about assessment. There are state and local educational policies, high stakes and accountability assessment, and curriculum developers. The last, resource related factors, which are related to resources such as information, material, funding and time, affect the teachers' assessment adoption. ${ }^{52}$

## E. Review of Related Finding

The researcher finds other researchers about variable that have related to the object of the present reserach that the researcher did. But, the researcher could not access all of those studies completely. There are several previous reserach can be summarizing as the following:

The first reasearch that had be done by Desri Susiyanti on her thesis "Theachers’ difficulties in Theaching English as a Foreign Language at SMK Muhammadiyah 3 Makassar". ${ }^{53}$ She found many difficulties faced by the teachers such as lack of student's basic knowledge in English lesson, a lot of student in the classroom, the students' low concentration, the student's absent in learning process, boredom, and the facilities in the scholl was low.

The second finding is Isabell Sengkaton, "An Analysis of Theacher-Made Summative Test of english of SMA Negeri 3 Palembang". ${ }^{54} \mathrm{He}$ found the teachermade summative test of Englishof the eleventh-grade students' of SMA Negeri 3

[^26]Palembang was not acceptable to be used as a tool to evaluate the students' comprehensions because many of the items did not fulfill all aspects of a good test in terms of quality, index difficulty, discrimination power and effectiveness of distractors.

The third finding is Nurhalimah \& Fahriany, in their journal "Determining the Quality of English Teacher-Made Test: How Excellent is Excellent?". ${ }^{55}$ They found indicate that the English mid-term test has 24 acceptable items ( $80 \%$ ) from the quality excellent, good, and satisfactory. Then, three items (10\%) have poor quality, and three items (10\%) have very poor quality, or in the negative value on discrimination index to the extent that the items are eliminated. It is proven by satistical data that they fail to distinguish between students who are knowledgeable and those students who are not on the base of how well they know the materials that have been tested.

Everlyn Olouch, the journal "Challenges Faced by Tutors in Setting of Examinations". ${ }^{56}$ The findings are : during the moderation of summative examination it is noted that some tutors have challanges in setting examination. They require adequate support to acquire the necessary skills through workshop, seminars and mentoring by experienced colleagues. Providing proper orientation to tutors is mandatory for setting of effective examinations. Equipping them with the needed skills improves the quality of examinations in an institution and gives tutors convidence. Majority of tutors know the purpose of examinations which is

[^27]to test learners' mastery of course content but the problem is to do with doing it effectively. Most tutors also confirm that validity, testing what is supposed to tasted, is the major characteristics of a good examination. However, it was noted that the staff development workshops quality was eventually attained.
M. Aries Taufik, dkk, their research "Item analysis and Teachers' Factors in Designing a Test", accomplised at Junior High School in one of the regions in Riau. ${ }^{57}$ They found the test was dominated by moderate items and those items are functioned well. However, most of the items cannot descriminate between high and low students. In addition, it is found that the first teachers' factor significantly affecting the effectiveness of the test items is training on test construction, the followed by teachers' experience in constructing a test. It is expected that the authority could select more experienced teachers to design the tests and frequently facilitate the teachers with training on test construction to enhance teachers' competence in designing tests.

Paivi Atjonen, the journal "Teachers' views of Their Assessment Practice", ${ }^{58}$ found the majority of positive views concerned the use of different assessment methods, an interactive approach, encouraging feedback, and criteria clarification. Negative views dealt with improper assessment methods, level of stringency, badly implemented assessment, and weak ground of assessment. Three factors made assessment as difficult: interpretation of fairness, pupils with special needs, and pupil heterogeneity. On the other hand, versatile assessment methods,

[^28]curriculum advice, and pupils' good competencies made teachers' assessment work easy.

Based on the previous research, the researcher consituted that all of the research in advance was connected with this research. On the other hand, the first finding was about teachers' difficulties in teaching whereas this research is about teachers' problems in designing a summative test. It was being information which is necessary to the researcher for knowing some problems in other situation. The researcher had the differece aim but has similar scope. The next finding also had the relationship with this study because it was about summative test. Besides, majority of the researchs focus on the content analysis of summative tes. It has difference scope with this research that focus on the teachers who made the test. The last finding was quite relevant with this study where it told about teachers' views of their assessment that found some difficulties that faced by the teachers. It was quickly similar with this study but had the different place.

## CHAPTER III

## METHODOLOGY OF THE RESEARCH

## A. Kind of the Research

Methodology of this research is technique and procedure tools which selected in execute research. ${ }^{59}$ The method in this research is a descriptive quantitative research because the researcher only analyzed and interpreted the problems faced by English teachers in designing English Summative Test. Decriptive method explained the data which have correlation with fact, situation variable and phenomenon which happen when the research are being conducted. According to Arikunto, descriptive research studies were designed to obtain information concerning the current status of phenomena. ${ }^{60}$ Descriptive method means a research focused in describing any situation or condition in population,systematically, factually, and accurately. ${ }^{61}$

The study are about any population, survey the society opinion, and other. In this research the researcher well describe fact of teachers' problems in designing English Summative test.

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## B. Population and Sample

## 1. Population

Population is a set (or collection) of elements, processing one or more attribute of research. ${ }^{62}$ According to Donal Ary, Population is defined as all members of any well-defined class of people, events or objects. ${ }^{63}$ The population of this research is all of the English Teachers at Senior High School Kepahiang who made the summative test and taught $10^{\text {th }}, 11^{\text {th }}$, dan $12^{\text {th }}$ Class. The population consist of eighteen school. Total teachers were 62 people.

## 2. Sample

Sampling is the process of selecting a number of individuals for a study in such a way that they represent the larger group from which they were selected. A sample is small proportion of a population selected for observation and analysis. ${ }^{64}$ Total sampling was employed in this research, it means the research took all the population as the sample, it involved all English Teachers at Senior High School Kepahiang who made the summative test and taught $10^{\text {th }}, 11^{\text {th }}$, dan $12^{\text {th }}$ Class assample of this research. According to Syukarman Syarnubi, total sampling is a kind of sampling technique by deciding all member of research population as the sample. ${ }^{65}$ The number of sample was given in following table.

[^30]Table 2
The sample of the reseach

| Schools | Number of English Teachers |
| :---: | :---: |
| SMAN 1 Bermani Ilir | 2 |
| SMAN 1 Kabawetan | 4 |
| SMAN 1 Kepahiang | 4 |
| SMAN 1 Merigi | 4 |
| SMAN 1 Muara Kemumu | 3 |
| SMAN 1 Tebat Karai | 4 |
| SMAN 1 Ujan Mas | 3 |
| SMAS Muhammadiyah Kepahiang | 2 |
| SMKN 1 Bermani Ilir | 3 |
| SMKN 1 Kepahiang | 3 |
| SMKN 1 Seberang Musi | 3 |
| SMKN 1 Ujan Mas | 4 |
| SMKN 2 Kepahiang | 6 |
| SMKN SPPN Bengkulu | 3 |
| MAN 1 Kepahiang | 3 |
| MAN 2 Kepahiang | 4 |
| MAS 01 Darussalam Kepahiang | 4 |
| MAS Al-Munawwaroh | 3 |


| Total | 62 |
| :---: | :---: |

The purpose of taking all member within the population as sample in this research because the researcher wanted to find out and describe about the problems faced by English Teachers in designing English Summative test, if all member of population was taken as sample certainly the researcher get the data completely. Moreover, based on the principle in deciding the sample size, larger sample is more represent the population and result more accurate. As Purwanto says, that the principle in deciding the sample size is the larger sample it is more represent the population, so it is more accurate. If the sample represent the population, the data which are taken from the sample more accurate to predict the conclusion. ${ }^{66}$ Related to this theory in order to get more accurate data the researcher took all member of population as the sample.

## C. Technique of Collecting Data

To answer two research questions above, the researcher collected the data by using questionnaires. It means questionnaire for the first research question and second research question.

1. Questionnaire

Questionnaire is one of the techniques for collecting data. Questionnaire is a group of writen questions on paper or the others and given to the respondents to be answered without any intervention from the researcher. ${ }^{67}$ In

[^31]this research, questionnaire is very important to get more detailed information such as problems when design the test, the respondent would have difficulties to mention it one by one. Therefore, the researcher used questionnaire to get those. Furthermore, the respondent could have more time to fulfillit. Questionnaire can be open-ended or close-ended. ${ }^{68}$ In addition, Creswell stated three kinds of questinnaire, open-ended, close ended, and open- and closed-ended questions. ${ }^{69}$ Open-ended questionnaire is a list of questions that there is no standart answer to these questions, and data analysis is more complex. ${ }^{70}$ It means the respondent need to write the answer in answer sheet. In the other hand, closed-ended questionnaire is the researcher poses a question and provides pre-set response options for the participat. Open- and closed-ended questions has all the adventages of open-ended and closed-ended questions.The technique is to ask a closed-ended question and then ask for additional responses in an open-ended questions.

The researcher used questionnaire to answer those two research questions. The format of questionnaire in this research is open- and closed-ended. It means the respondents answered the questions about based on the answers provided that has been prepared by researcher and the researcher also ask for the other response if the participant had different answers from the list provided.

[^32]In conclusion, the using of questionnaire here was open- and closed-ended with purpose to determine the teachers' problems in designing English Summative test and also the factors that cause the problems. The questionnaire was designed by the researcher with four options, the alternative options are:
a) Always : 4
b) Often : 3
c) Seldom : 2
d) Never: $1^{71}$

The researcher also add other optional if the respondents have their own answer.

Then, the data collection process by using questionnaire are as:
a) The questionnaire is given to the respondents via google form;
b) Collecting the questionnaire;
c) The questionnaire tabulated and analyzed based on the percentage formula.

Based on the statement above, the researcher will distribute questionnaire for the subject of the research in order to gathering the data. The researcher distributed the questionnaire for English Teachers of Senior High School in Kepahiang.

## D. Research Instrument

Instrument is a tool or facility that is used to the research to collect data. ${ }^{72}$ It means that the research instrument helped the researcher to get the information

[^33]needed that related to the research. The using of the research instrumental lead the researcher in gathering the information or data needed that related to this research. In this research, the researcher used instruments for helping to complete the data. The research instrument are:

1. Questionnaire Item

According to Nasution, questionnaire is a list of questionnaire as a technique in collecting data that were answered by the respondents them selves. ${ }^{73}$ All questionnaire is 45 items. Consists of 40 items for test in teaching, it was about how the teachers understand the procedures in designing a test. Then 5 items was about teachers problems in designing a test. In constructing questionnaires, the questions designed based on the theories of design test in teaching and problems in designing test that provided in review of related theories.

Moreover before deciding to distributed this questionnaires to the respondents to ensure the validity of each items in this questionnaires, the researcher used content validity. This kind of validity was that the instrument must show that it fairly and comprehensively covers the domainor items that it purpost to cover. ${ }^{74}$ It means someone who competence in such field could be asking his consideration to evaluate the accuracy of items in questionnaire.

For the first question, the researcher made the item of the questionnaire that refers to teachers problems in designing test. The researcher made in

[^34]based on the theory of test in teaching and indicators per each theory. Item of questions can be sen in the table below :

Table 3

## Instrument of Questionnaire 1

How do the teachers understand the procedure of all parts in
designing a summative test

| No | Test in Teaching | Indicators | Item of Statement | Respond |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | A | O | S | N |
| 1 | Characterist ics of a good test | Test is not excessively expensive, | 1. The test I made is easy to conduct and does not require expensive costs. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Test stays within appropriate time constraints. | 2. In making the test, I consider the completion time of the test. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Test is relatively easy to admiister and has a scoring or evaluation procedure that is specific and time-efficient. | 3. The test I made is easy to check and comes with clear instructions. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Test is consistent and dependable | 4. When tested on students, the test results can be trusted. |  |  |  |  |



|  | (KD). | designing the test. |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Identify the <br> test instrument. | 13. I identify the type <br> of test I will use <br> before designing <br> the test. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Design the <br> examination <br> grid with its <br> suspension <br> guidelines | 14. I create a blueprint <br> or scope of <br> questions before <br> designing the test. |  |  |  |  |
| test |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Designing a | The items are <br> matched to the <br> indicators | 15. The question items <br> are adjusted to the <br> question <br> indicators. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Make sure <br> there is only <br> one anwer key <br> for each item. | 16. In multiple-choice <br> questions, each <br> question has only <br> one correct <br> answer. |  |  |  |  |



|  | State the stem <br> of the item in <br> positive form, <br> wherever <br> possible. | 27. In making <br> question items, I <br> use questions in <br> the positive form. |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Emphasize <br> negative <br> wording <br> wherever it is <br> used in the <br> stem of an <br> item. | 28. In making <br> question items, I <br> underline or <br> italicize questions <br> with negative <br> statements. |  |  |  |
|  | Make all <br> alternatives <br> gramatically <br> consistent with <br> the stem of the <br> item. | 29. Each answer <br> choice has almost <br> the same formula. |  |  |  |
|  | Avoid using <br> the alternative <br> "all of the <br> above," and <br> use "none of <br> the above" <br> with the <br> extreme <br> caution. | 30. In making <br> question items, I <br> avoid answer <br> choices such as <br> "all answers are <br> correct", "none of <br> the answers are <br> correct", or similar <br> statements. |  |  |  |
|  | Vary the <br> relative lenght <br> of the correct <br> answer to <br> eliminate <br> lenght | 31. The length of the <br> answer <br> alternatives is <br> relatively the <br> same, there is no <br> very long or very <br> short answer <br> alternative. |  |  |  |



|  | words. | words. |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | The items use <br> a <br> question/comm <br> and that <br> demands the <br> unravelled <br> answers. | 39. In making essay <br> questions, I use <br> question <br> words/commands <br> requiring an <br> answer in the form <br> of description. |  |  |  |
|  | Each items <br> should have its <br> suspension <br> guidelines. | 40. In making essay <br> questions, I also <br> prepare a scoring <br> guideline. |  |  |  |

The item of questionnaire above was for teachers procedures in designing a test. As mentions above, the researcher use second questionnaire to answer the second research questions about the factors that cause the problems for the teachersin designing summative test. The process of making the item of questions was same to the steps for the first questionnaire before. The item of questions van be seen in the tabel below :

Table 4
Instrument of Questionnaire 2
Teachers' Problems in Designing Summative Test

| No | Problems in <br> designing a <br> test | Indicators | Item of Statement | Respond |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | O | S | N |
| 1 | The <br> relationship | Class and <br> students | 1. I develop a good <br> communication |  |  |  |



## E. The Technique of Data Analysis

According to Kasirman, analysis means categorizing, ordering, manipulating and summarizing of data to obtain answer to research questions. ${ }^{75}$ In this research, the data has taken by using questionnaire and then it was classified

[^35]into some category, after that the data was analyzed to describe the real condition well. The data was analyzed based on each instrument:

1. The Data from Questionnaire

After researcher get the answer of how teachers understand the procedure of all parts in designing a summative test and about teachers' problems in designing summative test, the data was collected as the teschers response in tabulate, and find out the teachers by using percentage technique. The steps were :
a. The first steps for analysis the data, the researcher divided the teachers answer in group with same categories. It means for those two questionnaires were classified into each item question to check the teachers respond.
b. The seconds steps were the researcher accounted the number of teachers given answer in the item based on the questionnaire. In this research, to account the point the researcher used rating scale that has been explained before.
c. The third steps the researcher used a 4-value Likert Scale to assess the data from the questionnaire, which is used to measure the mean score of teachers' understanding and teachers' problems in designing english summative test. Each statement was created with the value of the mean score in mind (Always $=4$, Often $=3$, Seldom $=2$, Never $=1$ ), the formula is described as follow :

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x=\frac{\{(f A \times 4)+(f O \times 3)+(f S \times 2)+(f N \times 1)\}}{\mathrm{N}}
$$

Where :
F : Frequency
A : Always
O : Often
S : Seldom
N : Never
d. The fourth steps were the researcher accounted the percentage of the each items of questionnaire based on the teachers answer in questionnaire. It follows the formula : ${ }^{76}$

$$
\mathrm{P}=\frac{\sum \text { score }}{\text { Max score }} \times 100 \%
$$

Where :

| P | : Percentage |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\sum$ score | $:$ Total score |
| Max score | $:$ Maximum score |

The teachers' understanding were sorted into four categories using Linkert scales. The outcome of the calculation was sorted into good and poor understanding in designing english summative test based on the accounts with four categories. The results of the questionnaire revealed the presentage, which was then classified into two categories:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
1)>51,25 \% & =\text { Good } \\
2)<51,25 \% & =\text { Poor }
\end{array}
$$

e. The fifth steps the researcher accounted the problems faced by teachers based on each items of questionnaire and seen the higher percentage of each procedure.

As follow the teachers' understanding, the teachers' problems were also sorted into four categories using Linkert scales. The outcome of the calculation was sorted into good and poor understanding based on the accounts with four categories. The results of the questionnaire revealed the presentage, which was then classified into two categories:

1) $>51,25 \%=$ Good (teachers' didnt have any problems in designing test)
$2)<51,25 \%=$ Poor (Teachers had problems in designing test)

## CHAPTER IV

## FINDING AND DISCUSSION

This chapter provides the findings and discussion of this research, in which the given details are presented in accordance with the focuses explained in the problem statements of this research.

## A. Finding

The finding of this research was presented on the basis of two research questions formulated as the primary orientation of this research. As absorbed from the core of research questions, the data orientation comprises 1) teachers' understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test, and 2) teachers' problems in designing a summative test

1. Teachers' Understanding of the Procedures of Designing a Summative Test

A questionnaire distributed online by using Google Form to all the research samples, 62 English teachers, was employed to obtain all the necessary data to determine the teachers' understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test. According to the data garnered from the questionnaire, there were varied points to be portrayed with respect to the levels of teachers' understanding of a summative test design. The following conceptual table was presented to display the overall condition of the data.

Table 5
Teachers' Understanding of the Procedures of Designing a Summative Test

| Indicators | Statements |  | Total Number of Teachers' Response |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Aver age | Total Averag e |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | A |  | O |  | S |  | N |  |  |  |
|  | No | Items of Statement | F | \% | F | \% | F | \% | F | \% | \% | \% |
| Character istics of a good test | 1 | Test is not excessively expensive | 34 | 54,8 | 18 | 29 | 10 | 16,2 | - |  | 84,6 | 80,85 |
|  | 2 | Test stays within appropriate time constraints. | 22 | 35,5 | 28 | 45,2 | 10 | 16,1 | 2 | 3,2 | 78,2 |  |
|  | 3 | Test is relatively easy to administer and has a scoring or evaluation procedure that is specific and timeefficient. | 26 | 41,9 | 26 | 41,9 | 9 | 14,5 | 1 | 1,6 | 81 |  |
|  | 4 | Test is consistent and dependable | 37 | 59,7 | 16 | 25,8 | 9 | 14,5 | - |  | 85,1 |  |
|  | 5 | Test should yield similar result | 23 | 37,1 | 29 | 46,8 | 8 | 12,9 | 2 | 3,2 | 83,5 |  |
|  | 6 | Test valids to the assessement purpose. | 25 | 40,3 | 23 | 37,1 | 14 | 22,6 | - |  | 81 |  |
|  | 7 | Test are based on a reliable analysis of the skills we want to measure. | 24 | 38,7 | 25 | 40,3 | 13 | 21 | - |  | 80,4 |  |
|  | 8 | Authenticity of the features of a target language | 25 | 40,3 | 26 | 41,9 | 9 | 14,5 | 2 | 3,2 | 79,8 |  |
|  | 9 | The impact of examinations to students | 28 | 45,2 | 25 | 40,3 | 8 | 12,9 | 1 | 1,6 | 82,3 |  |
|  | 10 | The impact of examinations to teachers | 19 | 30,6 | 21 | 33,9 | 19 | 30,6 | 3 | 4,8 | 72,6 |  |
| Planning a test | 11 | Identify the assessment goals | 25 | 40,3 | 22 | 35,5 | 15 | 24,2 | - |  | 79 | 79,4 |


|  | 12 | Focus on Standard Competence (SK) and Basic Competence (KD). | 22 | 35,5 | 26 | 41,9 | 14 | 22,6 | - |  | 78,2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 13 | Identify the test instrument. | 28 | 45,2 | 20 | 32,3 | 13 | 21 | 1 | 1,6 | 80,2 |  |
|  | 14 | Design the examination grid with its suspension guidelines | 25 | 40,3 | 25 | 40,3 | 12 | 19,4 | - |  | 80,2 |  |
| Designing a test | 15 | The items are matched to the indicators | 28 | 45,2 | 25 | 40,3 | 9 | 14,5 | - |  | 82,7 | 80,53 |
|  | 16 | Make sure there is only one anwer key for each item. | 30 | 48,4 | 18 | 29 | 14 | 22,6 | - |  | 81,5 |  |
|  | 17 | The material is matched to the assessment goals. | 24 | 38,7 | 25 | 40,3 | 12 | 19,4 | 1 | 1,6 | 79 |  |
|  | 18 | The test materials should consider the urgency. | 24 | 38,7 | 25 | 40,3 | 13 | 21 | - |  | 80,4 |  |
|  | 19 | The test materials should consider the relevance. | 19 | 30,6 | 29 | 46,8 | 11 | 17,7 | 3 | 4,8 | 75,8 |  |
|  | 20 | The test materials should consider the continuity. | 31 | 50 | 21 | 33,9 | 10 | 16,1 | - |  | 83,5 |  |
|  | 21 | The test materials should have beneficial in learners' daily | 28 | 45,2 | 24 | 38,7 | 9 | 14,5 | 1 | 1,6 | 81,9 |  |
|  | 22 | The material is appropriate tho the students' level. | 24 | 38,7 | 31 | 50 | 6 | 9,7 | 1 | 1,6 | 81,5 |  |
|  | 23 | The distractors are available in the answers. | 23 | 37,1 | 23 | 37,1 | 15 | 24,1 | 1 | 1,6 | 77,4 |  |
|  | 24 | State the stem of the item in simple, clear language. | 23 | 37,1 | 25 | 40,3 | 13 | 21 | 1 | 1,6 | 84,7 |  |


| 25 | Present a single <br> clearly formulated <br> problem in the stem of <br> the item. | 23 | 37,1 | 22 | 35,5 | 16 | 25,8 | 1 | 1,6 | 77 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 26 | Avoid verbal clues <br> that might enable <br> students to select the <br> correct answer or to <br> eliminate an incorect <br> alternative. | 31 | 50 | 22 | 35,5 | 9 | 14,5 | - |  |  |  |  |



## Notes:

A = Always
$\mathrm{O}=$ Often
S = Seldom
$\mathrm{N}=$ Never

The conceptual table above indicated that most English teachers involved as the samples of this study already had a good level of understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test. The levels of understanding in question were portrayed on their responses toward each questionnaire item presented on the above table, in which the items were classified based on several themes or indicators taken from the constructed theories, covering 1) characteristics of a good test, 2) planning a test, and 3) designing a test.

In regards to the characteristics of a good test, based on the responses to the related questionnaire items, most teachers showed that they already had a good understanding of the items comprising a good test's characteristics, namely 1) test is not excessively expensive, 2) test stays within appropriate time constraints, 3) test is relatively easy to administer and has a scoring or evaluation procedure that is specific and time-efficient, 4) test is consistent and dependable, 5) test should yield similar result, 6) test is valid to the assessement purpose, 7) test is based on a reliable analysis of the skills to be measured, 8) authenticity of the features of a target language, 9) the impact of examinations to students, and 10) the impact of examinations to teachers. Correspondingly, based on the responses gathered using the questionnaire, most teachers stated that they made the test easy to conduct and did not require expensive costs ( $54.8 \%$ always; $29 \%$ often), considered the completion time of the test ( $35.5 \%$ always; $45.2 \%$ often), made the test easy to check and came with clear instructions ( $41.9 \%$ always; $41.9 \%$ often), made the test with trusted results ( $59.7 \%$ always; $25.8 \%$ often), made the test with consistent scores ( $37.1 \%$ always; $46.8 \%$ often), designed the test capable to measure students' abilities accurately (40.3\% always; $37.1 \%$ often), made the test per the language skills to be measured ( $38.7 \%$ always; $40.3 \%$ often), made the test reflecting the real conditions of English use (40.3\% always; 41.9\% often), made the test which could provide feedback on students' abilities ( $45.2 \%$ always; $40.3 \%$ often), and made the test which could provide feedback on teachers' development ( $30.6 \%$ always; $33.9 \%$ often).

Afterwards, with respect to the indicator of planning a test, most teachers' responses indicated that they already understood well about the items comprising a test planning, namely 1) identify the assessment goals, 2) focus on Standard Competence ( SK ) and Basic Competence ( $K D$ ), 3) identify the test instrument, and 4) design the examination grid with its suspension guidelines. Accordingly, based on the responses to the questionnaire items, most teachers stated that they identified the assessment's purpose before designing the test ( $40.3 \%$ always; $35.5 \%$ often), identified the Competency Standards ( SK ) and Basic Competencies ( $K D$ ) before designing the test ( $35.5 \%$ always; $41.9 \%$ often), identified the type of test to be used before designing the test ( $45.2 \%$ always; $32.3 \%$ often), and created a blueprint or scope of questions before designing the test ( $40.3 \%$ always; $40.3 \%$ often).

Furthermore, regarding the indicator of designing a test, most teachers were found to have a good understanding in relation to the corresponding items, namely 1) the items are matched to the indicators, 2) make sure there is only one anwer key for each item, 3) the material is matched to the assessment goals, 4) the material is matched to the assessment goals, 5) the test materials should consider the urgency, 6) the test materials should consider the relevance, 7) the test materials should consider the continuity, 8) the test materials should have beneficial in learners' daily, 9) the material is appropriate tho the students' level, 10) the distractors are available in the answers, 11) state the stem of the item in simple, clear language, 12) present a single clearly formulated problem in the stem of the item, 13) avoid verbal
clues that might enable students to select the correct answer or to eliminate an incorect alternative, 14) state the stem of the item in positive form, wherever possible, 15) emphasize negative wording wherever it is used in the stem of an item, 16) make all alternatives gramatically consistent with the stem of the item, 17) avoid using the alternatives "all of the above" and "none of the above" with the extreme caution, 18) vary the relative length of the correct answer to eliminate length, 19) sort the answer based on the numbers and times, 20) use the effective item format, 21) make certain each item is independent of the other items in the test, 22) present a communicative language, 23) the statement present a common language, 24) present a clear statement to avoid misunderstanding to the item, 25) the statement is not containing the offensive words, 26) the items use a question/command that demands the unravelled answers, and 27) each item should have its suspension guidelines.

As regards to the above indicator, designing a test, the responses on the questionnaire items illustrated that most teachers designed the test with the following criteria: the question items were adjusted to the question indicators ( $45.2 \%$ always; $40.3 \%$ often), in multiple-choice questions, each question had only one correct answer ( $48.4 \%$ always; $29 \%$ often), the materials contained in the questions were adjusted to the assessment's purpose ( $38.7 \%$ always; $40.3 \%$ often), the materials contained in the questions were adjusted to students' abilities ( $38.7 \%$ always; $40.3 \%$ often), the materials contained in the questions were adjusted to other lesson materials (30.6\% always; 46.8\%
often), the materials contained in the questions were a continuation of previous materials (50\% always; 33.9\% often), the materials contained in the questions considered the concept of usability in everyday life (45.2\% always; $38.7 \%$ often), the materials contained in the questions were adjusted to the students' levels of education ( $38.7 \%$ always; $50 \%$ often), the distractors on the answer choices worked well ( $37.1 \%$ always; $37.1 \%$ often), the subject matters were formulated in a clear language ( $37.1 \%$ always; $40.3 \%$ often), the problems in the question items were clearly formulated (37.1\% always; 35.5\% often), avoided using instruction leading to the correct answer (50\% always; $35.5 \%$ often), used questions in the positive form ( $37.1 \%$ always; $40.3 \%$ often), underlined or italicized questions with negative statements (46.8\% always; $37.1 \%$ often), each answer choice had almost the same formula (45.2\% always; $37.1 \%$ often), avoided answer choices such as "all answers are correct", "none of the answers are correct", or similar statements (27.4\% always; $41.9 \%$ often), the length of the answer alternatives was relatively the same ( $51.6 \%$ always; $32.3 \%$ often), sorted the alternative answers in the form of numbers and time ( $35.5 \%$ always; $46.8 \%$ often), paid attention to the format of the questions ( $40.3 \%$ always; $46.8 \%$ often), made sure there were no dependencies between one question and another ( $45.2 \%$ always; $45.2 \%$ often), used communicative sentences ( $35.5 \%$ always; $40.3 \%$ often), used a standard language in accordance with the English rules (37.1\% always; $35.5 \%$ often), used sentences without any multiple interpretations (46.8\% always; 38.7\% often), avoided using offensive or inappropriate words (45.2\% always; 43.5\%
often), used question words/commands requiring an answer in the form of description in essay questions ( $51.6 \%$ always; $33.9 \%$ often), and prepared a scoring guideline for essay questions (41.9\% always; $29 \%$ often).

## 2. Teachers' Problems in Designing a Summative Test

Based on the data obtained using the online questionnaire, there were several problems experienced by the English teachers in designing a summative test. The following conceptual table was presented to display the overall condition of the data.

Table 6
Teachers' Problems in Designing a Summative Test

| Indicator |  | Items of Statement | Total Number of Teachers' Response |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Aver age <br> \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | A |  | O |  | S |  | N |  |  |
|  |  |  | F | \% | F | \% | F | \% | F | \% |  |
| The relationshi p and communic ation between teachers and other elements outside the teacher | 1 | Class and students communicative frequency | 4 | 6,45 | 7 | 11,3 | 28 | 45,2 | 23 | 37,1 | 46,8 |
|  | 2 | Class management democratization | 15 | 24,2 | 16 | 25,8 | 26 | 41,9 | 5 | 8,2 | 66,5 |
|  | 3 | Teachers should share and evaluate the assessment strategy with their colleagues | 17 | 27,4 | 15 | 24,2 | 30 | 48,4 | - |  | 69,8 |
|  | 4 | Feedback from students to teachers to understand the students' level of understanding | 4 | 6,45 | 5 | 8,1 | 26 | 41,9 | $27$ | 43,5 | 44,4 |
|  | 5 | The support from the institute that facilitates the assessment practices | 17 | 27,4 | 18 | 29 | 27 | 43,5 | - |  | 71 |

Notes:

A = Always
$\mathrm{O}=$ Often
S = Seldom
$\mathrm{N}=$ Never

The conceptual table above indicated that there were several obstacles faced by most teachers in designing a summative test. However, there was a slight difference in the percentages of the total responses. Teachers' problems in question were portrayed on the responses to the questionnaire items classified based on the theme or indicator garnered from the constructed theories, namely the relationship and communication between teachers and other elements outside the teacher. In regards to the aforementioned indicator, most teachers showed that they experienced some problems in several aspects, namely 1) class and student communication frequency and 2) feedback from students to teachers to understand the students' level of understanding. Meanwhile, nearly half of the total number of teachers faced the obstacles in several other aspects, namely 1) class management democratization, 2) assessment strategy sharing and evaluation with colleagues, and 3) the support from the institute that facilitates the assessment practices.

Accordingly, based on the responses to questionnaire items, $53.2 \%$ of teachers stated that they did not develop a good communication with students to avoid the distance between teacher and students, $61.3 \%$ admitted that they did not use the test results to determine the level of students' understanding of the lesson materials, $48.4 \%$ revealed that they did not provide students the freedom to be creative and come up with fresh ideas, $48.4 \%$ stated that they
did not evaluate the assessment strategy with their colleagues at school, and $29 \%$ admitted that the school did not provide facilities to support the making of test questions.

## B. Discussion

This section discusses all the data obtained, displayed, and analyzed in prior. There were two major scopes of findings being addressed, namely 1) teachers' understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test and 2) teachers' problems in designing a summative test.

As obtained from the questionnaire, it could be seen that most English teachers involved as the research samples had a good level of understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test, including the characteristics of a good test, planning a test, and designing a test. Thus, the teachers' levels of understanding were considered to be in line with the constructed theories about the procedures of designing a summative test. Accordingly, based on Brown's theories regarding the characteristics of a good test, by having a good level of understanding, the English teachers were believed to be able to make the tests without neglecting the aspects of practicality ${ }^{77}$, reliability ${ }^{78}$, validity ${ }^{79}$, authenticity ${ }^{80}$, and washback ${ }^{81}$. In addition, by having a well comprehension in planning a test, the English teachers were considered capable of creating the question items by employing the instructions provided

[^36]by Depdiknas ${ }^{82}$, namely identifying the assessment goals, focusing on Standard Competence $(S K)$ and Basic Competence $(K D)$, identifying the test instrument, and designing the examination grid with its suspension guidelines. Furthermore, the teachers' responses indicated that they also had understood well about designing a test, which in turn made them able to provide the test items in accordance with the previously mentioned rules in designing test items proposed by Departemen Pendidikan Nasional ${ }^{83}$.

Nevertheless, despite the good level of understanding possessed by the teachers, there were still some problems they had to struggle with in designing a summative test. Most English teachers involved in the present study faced some obstacles regarding the relationship and communication between teachers and other elements outside the teacher. Thus, it somehow implied that instead of coming from within, the problems emerged from the surrounding environment influencing the process of designing a summative test. There were five possible problems that the teachers might experience in designing a summative test, including class and student communication frequency, class management democratization, assessment strategy sharing and evaluation with colleagues, feedback from students to teachers to understand the students' level of understanding, and the support from the institute that facilitates the assessment practices ${ }^{84}$. According to teachers' responses to questionnaire

[^37]items, it could be seen that most teachers faced two out of five aforementioned problems, namely 1) class and student communication frequency, in which the teachers admitted that they could not develop a good communication with students to avoid the distance between teacher and students, and 2) feedback from students to teachers to understand the students' level of understanding, in which the teachers did not use the test results to determine the level of students' understanding of the lesson materials.

Furthermore, without disregarding the slight difference of the total percentage of teachers' responses, almost half of the total number of teachers to some extent had to struggle with the other three problems in designing a summative test, namely 1) class management democratization, 2) assessment strategy sharing and evaluation with colleagues, and 3) the support from the institute that facilitates the assessment practices, which somehow affected the teachers' performances in designing a proper test or question items in spite of their good understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test.

## CHAPTER V

## CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

In this chapter, the researcher concluded the research results by answering the research questions and giving some points of suggestion for the parties involved.

## A. Conclusion

Based on finding and discussion in the previous chapter, the researcher finally concluded that:

1. $80,3 \%$ teachers involved as the samples of this study already had a good level of understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test. The teachers' levels of understanding were portrayed on their responses to the questionnaire items classified based on several themes or indicators taken from the constructed theories, including 1) $80,85 \%$ teachers understand of characteristics of a good test, 2) 79,4 \% teachers understand of planning a test, and 3 ) and $80,53 \%$ teachers understand of designing a test.
2. There were several obstacles faced by most teachers in designing a summative test. The teachers' problems were classified based on the theme or indicator garnered from the constructed theories, namely the relationship and communication between teachers and other elements outside the teacher. In regards to the aforementioned indicator, most teachers showed that they experienced some problems in several aspects, 1) $53,2 \%$ teachers had
problems with class and student communication frequency and 2) 61,3\% teachers did not use feedback from students to teachers to understand the students' level of understanding. Meanwhile, despite a slight difference in the total percentage of responses, nearly half of the total number of teachers faced the obstacles in several other aspects, namely 1) $51,6 \%$ teachers priveded a the freedom class management democratization, 2) $51,8 \%$ teachers shared and evaluated assessment strategy with colleagues, and 3) $71 \%$ teachers admitted the school the support that facilitates assessment practices.

## B. Suggestion

Based on the present study results and conclusion, some suggestions were given to several parties involved in English teaching and learning, namely English teachers, school stakeholders, and other researchers.

1. English teachers

Based on the study findings, most English teachers were found to possess a good level of understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test. However, in spite of their comprehension, most teachers could not be completely free from all the possible problems in designing a summative test. The research findings revealed that the teachers had to struggle with the issues triggered by the relationship and communication between teachers and other elements outside the teacher, particularly on class and student communication frequency as well as feedback from students to teachers to understand the students' level of understanding. Therefore, the researcher suggested the English teachers to try developing
a good communication with the students to decrease the gaps or distance emerged between teacher and student in the classroom. In addition, the teachers were suggested to take into account the summative test results in determining their students' levels of understanding, so that the students' learning outcomes could be described properly.

## 2. School stakeholders in Indonesia

The results of this research at some point ended up with a suggestion for the school stakeholders in Indonesia to start carrying out an improvisation regarding the support for teachers in form of the facilities they need in designing a summative test. Thus, the students' learning outcomes could be determined without any significant obstacles involving the lack of support of media or other related supporting facilities. Despite the fact that most teachers did not experience the issues regarding the facilities provided by the schools, the school stakeholders should not neglect the slight difference in the total percentage of teachers' responses to the related questionnaire items, so that the process of summative test design would still be carried out properly in the future.

## 3. Other researchers

With respect to the depth of the present study, this research was only delimited on probing into English teachers' understanding of the procedures of designing a summative test and also their problems in designing a summative test by administering online questionnaires,
leading to the research data which were limited to the closed responses given by the teachers. Therefore, the future researchers were suggested to employ the other research instruments such as interview or observation in order to explore more data, so that the influencing factors and teachers' indepth explanation regarding the research topic could be discovered.

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Apendix

| No | Indicator | Sub-Indicator | Total Number of Teachers' Response |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | A | O | S | N |
| 1 | Characteristics of a good test | Test is not excessively expensive | 34 | 18 | 10 | - |
|  |  | Test stays within appropriate time constraints. | 22 | 28 | 10 | 2 |
|  |  | Test is relatively easy to administer and has a scoring or evaluation procedure that is specific and timeefficient. | 26 | 26 | 9 | 1 |
|  |  | Test is consistent and dependable | 37 | 16 | 9 | - |
|  |  | Test should yield similar result | 23 | 29 | 8 | 2 |
|  |  | Test valids to the assessement purpose. | 25 | 23 | 14 | - |
|  |  | Test are based on a reliable analysis of the skills we want to measure. | 24 | 25 | 13 | - |
|  |  | Authenticity of the features of a target language | 25 | 26 | 9 | 2 |
|  |  | The impact of examinations to students | 28 | 25 | 8 | 1 |
|  |  | The impact of examinations to teachers | 19 | 21 | 19 | 3 |
| 2 | Planning a test | Identify the assessment goals | 25 | 22 | 15 | - |
|  |  | Focus on Standard <br> Competence (SK) and Basic <br> Competence (KD). | 22 | 26 | 14 | - |
|  |  | Identify the test instrument. | 28 | 20 | 13 | 1 |
|  |  | Design the examination grid with its suspension guidelines | 25 | 25 | 12 | - |


| 3 | Designing a test | The items are matched to the indicators | 28 | 25 | 9 | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Make sure there is only one anwer key for each item. | 30 | 18 | 14 | - |
|  |  | The material is matched to the assessment goals. | 24 | 25 | 12 | 1 |
|  |  | The test materials should consider the urgency. | 24 | 25 | 13 | - |
|  |  | The test materials should consider the relevance. | 19 | 29 | 11 | 3 |
|  |  | The test materials should consider the continuity. | 31 | 21 | 10 | - |
|  |  | The test materials should have beneficial in learners' daily | 28 | 24 | 9 | 1 |
|  |  | The material is appropriate tho the students' level. | 24 | 31 | 6 | 1 |
|  |  | The distractors are available in the answers. | 23 | 23 | 15 | 1 |
|  |  | State the stem of the item in simple, clear language. | 23 | 25 | 13 | 1 |
|  |  | Present a single clearly formulated problem in the stem of the item. | 23 | 22 | 16 | 1 |
|  |  | Avoid verbal clues that might enable students to select the correct answer or to eliminate an incorect alternative. | 31 | 22 | 9 | - |
|  |  | State the stem of the item in positive form, wherever possible. | 23 | 25 | 14 | - |
|  |  | Emphasize negative wording wherever it is used in the stem of an item | 29 | 23 | 10 | - |
|  |  | Make all alternatives gramatically consistent with the stem of the item. | 28 | 23 | 11 | - |
|  |  | Avoid using the alternative "all of the above," and use | 17 | 26 | 17 | 2 |


|  | "none of the above" with <br> the extreme caution. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vary the relative lenght of <br> the correct answer to <br> eliminate lenght | 32 | 20 | 10 | - |  |
| Sorted the answer based on <br> the numbers and times. | 22 | 29 | 11 | - |  |
| Use the effective item <br> format. | 25 | 29 | 7 | 1 |  |
| Make certain each item is <br> independent of the other <br> items in the test. | 28 | 28 | 6 | - |  |
| Present a communicative <br> language. | 22 | 25 | 14 | 1 |  |
| The statement present a <br> common language. | 23 | 22 | 17 | - |  |
| Present a clear statement to <br> avoid misunderstanding to <br> the item. | 29 | 24 | 9 | - |  |
| The statement is not <br> containing the offensive <br> words. | 28 | 27 | 5 | 2 |  |
| The items use a <br> question/command that <br> demands the unravelled <br> answers. | 32 | 21 | 9 | - |  |
| Each items should have its <br> suspension guidelines. | 26 | 18 | 18 | - |  |


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