



A Study of the Students' Opinions regarding the 10th Class Examination

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Abstract:

Since many years, the 10th class examination has become a controversial issue. The researcher has done a survey in order to know the students' opinions regarding making the 10th class exam optional, implementing grading system instead of marking and publishing the top-ten merit list. To get the information about five questions, 868 students from selected high schools using purposive sampling method, were selected for this research. The information was analyzed by the statistic method after finding median and average. The main purport of this study showed that the students feel tensed from the public examinations and think that they should be given grades instead of marks. Moreover, they deny cancelling the public exams.

1. Introduction

Since past some time, there have been many discussions regarding making the 10th class exam optional, implementing grading system instead of marking and publishing top-ten merit list. A committee of educationalists has been formed by the Gujarat Government. In this reference, the researcher had a survey regarding what the students studying in std. 10th think about the above given matters.

2. Objectives

1. To know the 10th class students' opinions about making the 10th class examination compulsory or optional
2. To know the 10th class students' opinions about giving grades instead of marks in the mark sheet
3. To know the 10th class students' opinions about publishing top-ten merit list.

3. Population and sampling

Using purposive sampling method, 868 students from 22 Gujarati and English medium high schools of Ahmedabad and AUDA area were selected for the present study.

4. Tools

The questionnaire was finalized after the primary usage on 20 students and the assessment of experts. This questionnaire contained total five questions.

5. Consolidation and analysis of information

Opinions of 868 students from 22 schools from Ahmedabad city and AUDA area were taken for the present research. Median and average was found in order to analyze these opinions.

6. Interpretation of information

- 75% girls from Gujarati medium are denying cancelling the examination.
- According to 50% girls from Gujarati and English medium, the examination should be taken but its format should be changed, while 61% boys from English medium suggest making it optional.
- 85.87% girls from English medium get stressed out because of the Board Examination, while 80% girls from Gujarati medium accept to feel stressed due to it. Less quantity of stress has been seen in boys than that of the girls.

- 53% boys from English medium have welcomed Kapil Sibbal's thought of adopting the grading system, while 60% girls from English medium are in favour of giving marks. And more than 68% boys and girls are insisting upon giving marks in the mark sheet.
- 80% girls from Gujarati medium are not in favor of restraining the most controversial top-ten merit list publishing every year by Board on district and state level, while 65% girls from English medium think that the top-ten list should be published. More than 70% boys too are not in favour to restrain publishing the top-ten merit list.

7. Main Findings

- Most students studying in 10th class are denying cancelling the public examination.
- Half of the students believe that the public examination should be optional.
- Most of the students believe that they feel stressed out due to exams.
- Most of the students do not welcome the idea of giving grades instead of marks.
- Most of the students are in favor of continuing the top-ten merit list.

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