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ABSTRACT

This study explores students’ attitude and motivation towards learning Mathematics and Science in English, and also their English performances. In order to gather information and to get a clearer picture on what has been happening in schools after the implementation of English as a medium of instruction for Mathematics and Science subjects towards the English learning. The main purpose of this research is to find out students’ attitude and motivation towards English as a medium of instruction in Mathematics and Science on English language learning among 100 form 4 students from four secondary schools in Dungun district, in the state of Terengganu. A questionnaire was administered to the respondents to gauge their attitudes and motivations as well as their English language results in Operational Target Increment 3 examination for the present year. The results revealed that the use of English as a medium of instruction in Mathematics and Science had a positive influences towards the English language learning among the students. The study also shows a significant positive correlation between attitude, motivation and achievement. It can be concluded that the respondents have high level of positive attitude, interest and desire towards learning Mathematics and Science in English and 93.0% of them admit the importance of English language. They are also confident in using English and showed preference in learning Mathematics and Science in English.
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