

THE INTERNAL CONSISTENCY OF UNIPDU'S ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST (EPT TEST)

A split-half analysis

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Test reliability (consistency) is an essential requirement for test validity. Because of the importance of test reliability, it is necessary then to see the reliability of any test. English Proficiency Test (EPT Test) is a proficiency test which is administered by PSB (Pusat Studi Bahasa) Unipdu Jombang. Using split-half technique to see the internal analysis on each section of EPT test, it can be concluded that as a whole the EPT test has internal consistency, hence it is reliable to be used to test a student's general English proficiency.

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A. INTRODUCTION

Test reliability (consistency) is an essential requirement for test validity. Test validity is the degree to which a test measures what it is designed to measure. Researchers use four methods to check the reliability of a test: the test-retest method, alternate forms, internal consistency, and inter-scorer reliability. Not all of these methods are used for all tests. Each method provides research evidence that the responses are consistent under certain circumstances.

Because of the importance of test reliability, it is necessary then to see the reliability of any test. The consistency of a test is important since a test is usually used more than once. Reliability tells us how accurate and trustworthy a test is. Because of this, reliability will be your friend when you are defending the results of your test.

Due to the importance of the reliability of a test, this article will try to

see how reliable EPT test is. English Proficiency Test (EPT Test) is a proficiency test which is administered by PSB (Pusat Studi Bahasa) Unipdu Jombang. The UNIPDU students are required to take this test to complete their study. They are required to get minimum score of 400 for non English department students and 450 for English department students.

For the purpose of analyzing the internal consistency of EPT test, the EPT test conducted on 5 February 2014 is analyzed using split half method. The use of the method is to see the internal consistency of the test. This is the main discussion of this article.

B. ABOUT EPT TEST

EPT Test (English Proficiency Test) is a proficiency test which is administered by PSB (Pusat Studi Bahasa)