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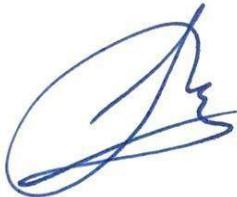
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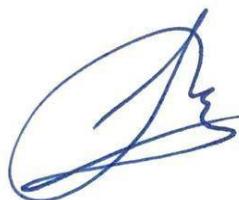
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This research is developmental research aims at developing Higher-Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) reading comprehension questions for senior high school students. This is inline with the national educational goal which is to increase the nation competitiveness in the global era in manipulating in Higher-Oder Thinking Skills in the global communication. This research is supported by the theory that HOTS questions enable students to think critically (Richards, 2006).

In this developmental research, the writer applied the ADDIE model of instructional design in the process of creating the HOTS reading comprehension questions. Two authentic analytical exposition texts and two authentic explanation texts are used as the reading materials. Twenty five multiple-choice questions of the Analyzing, Evaluating, and Creating levels of the cognitive domain of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy (RBT) are developed. The writer has decided to use three options for each question.

A blue print is used as the basis for the questions development to ensure the content validity of the questions. Fifteen students did the test (reading exercise), and their answers were scored using the answer prepared by the writer. K-R21 was applied to examine the reliability coefficient and the r is 0.68. This is considered as a high reliability.

The writer expects that this research would give beneficial insights for teachers and reading material developers that providing HOTS questions are important for students, and that multiple-choice question type can be used. Hence, the writer also expects that other researchers will develop other types of questions to measure the Higher-Order Thinking Skills of the students.

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