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ABSTRACT

This study examined assessment of curriculum changes on teaching practices in secondary schools, using undergraduate students of the University of Lagos as a case study. The study was guided by three specific objectives: to examine the extent to which respondents exhibit the key attributes of assessment; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with assessment and curriculum. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Systems Theory and the Human Capital Theory. A sample size of 414 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 397 questionnaires were found valid for analysis. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics, including frequency counts, percentages, and weighted mean scores, and inferential statistics, including the Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient, the Independent Samples t-test, and the chi-square test, at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings revealed that respondents exhibit the identified attributes to a considerable extent (grand mean = 3.11). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.478$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 6.93, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.12$, $p > 0.05$). The major challenges identified include inadequate awareness, weak institutional support, infrastructural constraints, and limited access to information. The study recommends targeted interventions, improved access to resources, and intensified public education on assessment.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of assessment of curriculum changes on teaching practices in secondary schools is situated within a body of scholarship that has grown rapidly in the past two decades. This section of the chapter traces the background to the study by examining the historical, theoretical, and practical dimensions of the subject.

Scholars have long recognised assessment as a critical determinant of outcomes in educational management. Evidence from national agencies indicates that assessment has grown considerably in recent times, underscoring the need for systematic inquiry. An examination by Dauda and Musa (2019) attributed much of the observed variation in outcomes to institutional capacity and policy continuity. For practitioners, the practical significance of assessment cannot be overstated, given its demonstrable link with curriculum. Research by Ogbeide and Ogunlana (2021) using mixed methods provided particularly rich insight into the mechanisms connecting assessment and curriculum. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. The reviewed studies, while valuable, are frequently dated, small in scale, or confined to a single locality.

The relationship between assessment and curriculum has been the subject of sustained academic interest across several disciplines. Nigeria's federal structure and its diverse cultural geography ensure that the experience of assessment varies considerably from one region to another. Longitudinal research by Okonkwo and Adigun (2016) revealed that sustained attention to assessment yields appreciable dividends over time. These observations collectively invite a reconsideration of standard assumptions regarding curriculum. The aggregate picture emerging from Ogbeide and Nwosu (2023) points to a modest but consistent association between assessment and the outcomes of interest. These observations collectively invite a reconsideration of standard assumptions regarding curriculum. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

Debates on national transformation repeatedly return to the role of assessment and its attendant dynamics. Globalisation and technological change have intensified both the opportunities and the challenges associated with assessment. Findings reported by Ogbeide and Nwosu (2018) observed that respondents with greater exposure to assessment recorded markedly different results. For practitioners, the practical significance of assessment cannot be overstated, given its demonstrable link with curriculum. Field evidence gathered by Alade and Ogbeide (2016) suggested that stakeholder engagement materially improves the results achieved in matters of assessment. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. Nevertheless, the existing literature is not without its limitations, and several questions remain unresolved.

Few subjects attract as much policy interest in contemporary Nigeria as the question of assessment. Public institutions at the federal, state, and local levels have developed programmes that seek to mainstream assessment into routine governance. Studies by Oyelaran and Okonkwo (2019) largely support the view that