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Evaluating Language Assessments

Language Assessment

Introducing students to the methods and debates associated with language testing assessment, this book explores the testing of linguistic competence of children, students, asylum seekers and many others in context of the uses to which such research can be put. It also presents and comments on key readings and articles.

Issues in Language Testing Research

With an argument for embedding nonverbal delivery in speaking assessment as a point of departure, this book seeks to validate a proposed rating scale for incorporating nonverbal delivery and other conventional dimensions into speaking assessment with a mixed-methods approach. To illustrate the indispensable role of nonverbal delivery in speaking assessment, the book particularly includes snapshots of test-takers' de facto nonverbal delivery, which allow their respective

levels to be investigated in a microscopic manner.

Fundamental Considerations in Language Testing

Understanding Language Testing presents an introduction to language tests and the process of test development that starts at the very beginning. Assuming no knowledge of the field, the book promotes a practical understanding of language testing using examples from a variety of languages. While grounded on solid theoretical principles, the book focuses on fostering a true understanding of the various uses of language tests and the process of test development, scoring test performance, analyzing and interpreting test results, and above all, using tests as ethically and fairly as possible so that test takers are given every opportunity to do their best, to learn as much as possible, and feel positive about their language learning. Each chapter includes a summary, suggestions for further reading, and exercises. As such this is the ideal book for both beginning students of linguistics and language education, or anyone in a related discipline looking for a first introduction to language testing.

Assessing Grammar

Criterion-referenced Language Testing looks at the practical applications of this

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new area of language testing.

Experimenting with Uncertainty

Statistical Analyses for Language Assessment Book

The Struggle to Teach English as an International Language

Language Testing Reconsidered

This Dictionary of Language Testing contains some 600 entries on language assessment

Language Testing in Practice

A symposium focusing on problems in the assessment of foreign or second language learning brought seven applied linguists together to discuss three areas of debate: communicative language testing, testing of English for specific

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purposes, and general language proficiency assessment. In each of these areas, the participants reviewed selected papers on the topic, reacted to them on paper, and discussed them as a group. The collected papers, reactions, and discussion reports on communicative language testing include the following: "Communicative Language Testing: Revolution or Evolution" (Keith Morrow) and responses by Cyril J. Weir, Alan Moller, and J. Charles Alderson. The next section, on testing of English for specific purposes, includes: "Specifications for an English Language Testing Service" (Brendan J. Carroll) and responses by Caroline M. Clapham, Clive Criper, and Ian Seaton. The final section, on general language proficiency, includes: "Basic Concerns in Test Validation" (Adrian S. Palmer and Lyle F. Bachman) and "Why Are We Interested in General Language Proficiency'?" (Helmut J. Vollmer), reactions of Arthur Hughes and Alan Davies, and the subsequent response of Helmut J. Vollmer. (MSE)

Modern Language Testing

The 'performance test' has emerged as the central concept around language testing. McNamara examines recent developments and provides an important contribution to the ongoing debate.

Issues in Language Testing

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U.S. public schools are responsible for educating large numbers of English language learners and students with disabilities. This book considers policies for including students with disabilities and English language learners in assessment programs. It also examines the research findings on testing accommodations and their effect on test performance. *Keeping Score for All* discusses the comparability of states'™ policies with each other and with the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) policies and explores the impact of these differences on the interpretations of NAEP results. The book presents a critical review of the research literature and makes suggestions for future research to evaluate the validity of test scores obtained under accommodated conditions. The book concludes by proposing a new framework for conceptualizing accommodations. This framework would be useful both for policymakers, test designers, and practitioners in determining appropriate accommodations for specific assessments and for researchers in planning validity studies.

Dictionary of Language Testing

This book describes the process of language test construction and reviews current practice.

Measuring Second Language Performance

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A collection of papers that document various dimensions of the ways in which the language learner and the language proficiency interviewer use language to accomplish oral language assessment tasks.

Assessing Vocabulary

Language testers have generally come to recognize the limitations of traditional statistical methods for validating oral language tests. They have begun to consider more innovative approaches to test validation, approaches that promise to illuminate the assessment process itself, rather than just assessment outcomes (i.e., ratings). One such approach is conversation analysis (or CA), a rigorous empirical methodology developed by sociologists, which employs inductive methods in order to discover and describe the recurrent, systematic properties of conversation, including sequential organization, turn-taking, repair, preference structure, and topic management. CA offers a systematic approach for analysing spoken interaction from a qualitative perspective, allowing one to make observations about a stretch of talk while at the same time interacting with it. This book provides language testers with a background in the conversation analytic framework and a fuller understanding of what is entailed in using conversation analysis in the context of oral language test validation.

Aligning Frameworks of Reference in Language Testing

Draws on authors' extensive experience in language teaching and assessment. Takes into account the most recent developments in research in applied linguistics, language teaching, and language assessment. Illustrative test development projects guide readers through the process. Additional website material accompanies the book.

Criterion-Referenced Language Testing

This book provides teachers with an entirely new approach to developing and using classroom-based language assessments. This approach is based on current theory and practice in the field of language assessment and on an understanding of the assessment needs of classroom teachers. The following key questions are addressed:

- Why do I need to assess? What beneficial consequences do I want to help bring about? How can my assessments help my students learn better and help me improve my teaching?
- When and how often do I need to assess? What decisions do I need to make to help bring about these beneficial consequences?
- What do I need to assess? How can I define the abilities that I want to assess?
- How can I assess my students? What kinds of assessment tasks should I create? How can I score my students' responses to these tasks?

The authors guide the

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reader step-by-step through the process of developing and using classroom-based assessments with clear explanations and definitions of key terms, illustrative examples, and activities for applying the approach in practice. Extra resources are available on the website: www.oup.com/elt/teacher/lact Lyle Bachman is Professor Emeritus of Applied Linguistics at the University of California, Los Angeles. He serves as a consultant in language testing research projects and in developing language assessments for universities and government agencies around the world, and he conducts courses and training workshops in language assessment. Barbara Damböck was Director of Studies of the English Department at the Teacher Training Academy in Dillingen, Germany, from 2003 to 2011. From 2003 to 2017 she supervised the training of oral examiners for the certification examination for elementary school English teachers in Bavaria. She has extensive experience as a classroom teacher, teacher trainer, and teacher of teacher trainers. She conducts courses and workshops for teachers and teacher trainers around the world.

Language Tests at School

This book provides an accessible treatment of the issues surrounding the assessment of language learners' grammatical abilities.

Learner Strategy Use and Performance on Language Tests

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This book investigates the relationships between learner strategy use and performance.

Authenticity in Language Assessment

Based in the present, but with the main focus on the future, international contributors give a coherent overview of some of the key contemporary issues in Language Testing, but crucially also offer the reader insight into the future direction of the field.

Talking and Testing

Language Testing Reconsidered provides a critical update on major issues that have engaged the field of language testing since its inception. Anyone who is working in, studying or teaching language testing should have a copy of this book. The information, discussions, and reflections offered within the volume address major developments within the field over the past decades, enlivened by current "takes" on these issues. The real value of this collection, however, lies in its consideration of the past as a means of defining the future agenda of language testing.

Changing Language Teaching Through Language Testing

Here is a clear and authoritative discussion of the basic concerns which underlie the development and use of language tests, and an up-to-date synthesis of research on testing. Primarily for students on teacher education courses, it is also an invaluable resource for all those professionally involved in designing and administering tests, acting as a complement to practical 'how to' books. Winner MLA Kenneth W Mildenberger Prize

Language Test Construction and Evaluation

Research Paper from the year 2014 in the subject Speech Science / Linguistics, grade: A, Jahangirnagar University (Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh), language: English, abstract: An external test or public examination, particularly in a second/foreign language such as IELTS, TOEFL, HSC examination in English, etc might have considerable impact on the stakeholders including teachers, learners, parents, administrators, the institution, the educational system and society as a whole. The effect a test has on the different components of the educational process of a second/foreign language is termed 'washback, either beneficial or harmful at both the micro and macro level. The current paper, firstly, purports to be an appraisal of the concept of 'washback', secondly, examines its nature and

functions as revealed by different proponents and researchers, and, finally, ascertains its role in second/foreign language education.

Language Assessment in Practice

Language Assessment: Principles and Classroom Practices is designed to offer a comprehensive survey of essential principles and tools for second language assessment. Its first and second editions have been successfully used in teacher-training courses, teacher certification curricula, and TESOL master of arts programs. As the third in a trilogy of teacher education textbooks, it is designed to follow H. Douglas Brown's other two books, Principles of Language Learning and Teaching (sixth edition, Pearson Education, 2014) and Teaching by Principles (fourth edition, Pearson Education, 2015). References to those two books are made throughout the current book. Language Assessment features uncomplicated prose and a systematic, spiraling organization. Concepts are introduced with practical examples, understandable explanations, and succinct references to supportive research. The research literature on language assessment can be quite complex and assume that readers have technical knowledge and experience in testing. By the end of Language Assessment, however, readers will have gained access to this not-so-frightening field. They will have a working knowledge of a number of useful, fundamental principles of assessment and will have applied those principles to practical classroom contexts. They will also have

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acquired a storehouse of useful tools for evaluating and designing practical, effective assessment techniques for their classrooms.

Authenticity in Language Assessment

This book relates language testing practice to current views of communicative language teaching and testing. It builds on the theoretical background expounded in Bachman's *Fundamental Considerations in Language Testing* and examines the design, planning, and organization of tests. The book is divided into three sections which discuss 1) objectives and expectations, the context of language testing, and the abilities to be tested; 2) the process of test development, including blueprints, resources, operationalization, and scoring methods; and 3) ten examples which illustrate the principles discussed in Parts One and Two.

Language Testing

Tests for the measurement of language abilities must be constructed according to a coherent validity framework based on the latest developments in theory and practice. This innovative book, by a world authority on language testing, deals with all key aspects of language test design and implementation. It provides a road map to effective testing based on the latest approaches to test validation. A book for all

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MA students in Applied Linguistics or TESOL, and for professional language teachers

The Routledge Handbook of Language Testing

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Other, grade: 1, University of Vienna, language: English, abstract: Authenticity is regarded as an important feature of language tests, but commonly the notion is related only to the use of authentic material. In the course of this class, however, we found out that the concept of authenticity is actually far more comprehensive. It does indeed include characteristics of the input of test tasks, but it is also concerned with the interaction between input and expected response, the setting and the format of a test. Hence, we decided to work mainly on the topic of authenticity in this final report of our course on language assessment.

Understanding Language Testing

Evaluating Language Assessments offers a comprehensive overview of the theoretical bases and research methodologies for the evaluation of language assessments and demonstrates the importance of a fuller understanding of this widely used evaluative tool. The volume explores language assessment evaluation

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in its wider political, economic, social, legal, and ethical contexts while also illustrating quantitative and qualitative methods through discussions of key research studies. Suitable for students in applied linguistics, second language acquisition and language assessment and education, this book makes the case for a clear and rigorous understanding of the theoretical and methodological underpinnings of language assessment evaluation in order to achieve fair assessments and just institutions.

An Encyclopedic Dictionary of Language Testing

The focus of this book is computer based assessment of the receptive skills.

Language Testing

Winner of the SAGE/ILTA Award for Best Book on Language Testing 2009 This volume focuses on the social aspects of language testing, including assessment of socially situated language use and societal consequences of language tests. The authors argue that traditional approaches to ensuring social fairness in tests go some way to addressing social concerns, but a broader perspective is necessary to examine the functions of tests on a societal scale. Considers these issues in relation to language assessment in oral proficiency interviews, and to the

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assessment of second language pragmatics. Argues that traditional approaches to ensuring social fairness in tests go some way to addressing social concerns, but a broader perspective is necessary if we are to fully understand the social dimension of language assessment.

A Qualitative Approach to the Validation of Oral Language Tests

Issues in Computer-Adaptive Testing of Reading Proficiency

Practical Language Testing equips you with the skills, knowledge and principles necessary to understand and construct language tests. This intensely practical book gives guidelines on the design of assessments within the classroom, and provides the necessary tools to analyse and improve assessments, as well as deal with alignment to externally imposed standards. Testing is situated both within the classroom and within the larger social context, and readers are provided the knowledge necessary to make realistic and fair decisions about the use and implementation of tests. The book explains the normative role of large scale testing and provides alternatives that the reader can adapt to their own context. This fulfils the dual purpose of providing the reader with the knowledge they need

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to prepare learners for tests, and the practical skills for using assessment for learning. Practical Language Testing is the ideal introduction for students of applied linguistics, TESOL and modern foreign language teaching as well as practicing teachers required to design or implement language testing programmes. The book is supported by frequently updated online resources at <http://languagetesting.info/> including sets of scenarios providing resources to study aviation English assessment, call centre assessment, military language assessment, and medical language assessment. The materials can be used to structure debates and seminars, with pre-reading and video activities. Practical Language Testing was commended as a 2012 runner-up of the prestigious SAGE/ILTA Award for Best Book on Language Testing.

Nonverbal Delivery in Speaking Assessment

This book provides language teachers with guidelines to develop suitable listening tests.

Language Testing and Assessment

Winner of the SAGE/ILTA Book Award 2016 The Routledge Handbook of Language Testing will provide a comprehensive account of the area of language assessment

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and testing. Written by leading specialists from around the world, this volume brings together approximately 35 authoritative articles (around 8000 words each). The proposed outline for the Handbook (below) is divided into ten sections. The section titles reflect the contents of their Language Testing and Assessment -textbook in our RAL series and sketch a useful overview of the discipline. Each chapter has been carefully selected to relate to key issues raised in the respective topic, providing additional historical background, critical discussion, reviews of key research methods, and an assessment of what the future might hold.

Practical Language Testing

Testing language for specific purposes (LSP) refers to that branch of language testing in which the test content and test methods are derived from an analysis of a specific language use situation, such as Spanish for business, Japanese for tour guides, Italian for language teachers, or English for air traffic control. LSP tests are usually contrasted with general purpose language tests, in which purpose is more broadly defined, as in the Test of English as a Foreign Language. This book is the first to examine the issues surrounding the implementation of tests for specific purposes. It includes an in-depth discussion of the issues, an examination of the current exams, and a comprehensive overview of the literature. It will be a welcome addition to any language teaching professionals library.

Assessing Languages for Specific Purposes

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Language Testing and Validation

This book addresses the issue of how to teach English in diverse locations. Central to the discussion is the balance of power in classroom and curriculum settings, the relationship between language, culture, and discourse, and the change in the ownership of English.

Keeping Score for All

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A collection of 28 invited papers surveying the state of the art in language testing.

Language Assessment for Classroom Teachers

Despite persistent assertions of washback (the influence of testing on teaching and learning) limited research studies have been undertaken on the subject. Even fewer studies have made use of quantitative and qualitative methods to examine washback. This book, at the intersection of language testing and teaching practices/programs, investigates the impact of the introduction of the 1996 Hong Kong Certificate of Education in English, a high-stakes public examination, on classroom teaching and learning in Hong Kong secondary schools. The washback effect was observed initially at the macro level, including different parties within the Hong Kong educational context, and subsequently at the micro level, in terms of the classroom, including aspects of teachers' attitudes, teaching content and classroom interactions. Further, the book offers insights into the concept that a test can be used as a change agent to encourage innovation in the classroom.

Washback of Second/Foreign Language Tests. An Appraisal

The study of vocabulary is a flourishing area in applied linguistics and language teaching which is creating a need for new approaches to vocabulary assessment.

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This volume presents a framework that expands the traditional concept of a vocabulary test to cover a range of procedures for assessing the vocabulary knowledge of second language learners. These procedures can be useful for addressing practical assessment needs as well as providing tools for conducting research into the lexical dimension of language.

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