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Role of English Studies in Professional Education: A Global Perspective

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Abstract:

English Language becomes international language in the present era so day by day the value of English is increasing at the world level for communication and to explore wide arena. The purpose of the present study is to study the “Role of English Studies in Professional Education: A Global Perspective” and other co related subjects as the relation between Academic English Education and Professional English Education, the importance of English language universal and Professional fields as a global perspective. And also glimpse on English as a Native Language (ENL), English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as a Foreign Language (EFL).

Key words: English Language, Professional, Academic, Education, Global Perspective

1.1 Introduction

Languages born with the human being's development. 'English Language', hundreds of years old and day by day it becomes tool for communication in the world, also secure the place in the education field, it teaches us universal values and exchange of the different culture, familiar with the faraway people and places in the Global level. In this modern generation, English language almost becomes 'Global Language'. And because of the British ruling it spread its wing in each and every field in almost all the countries. Mainly English language categorized into three variations such as: ENL: English as a Native Language- UK, USA, Australia, Canada And New Zealand are using as a mother tongue and first language to conversation., ESL: English as a Second Language- British colonial countries such as India, Nigeria, South Africa, and Singapore using English as a second language, it is not native language in these countries but as a second language it has big place in professional and social lives. English generalized in Educational framework, taught in schools and colleges.

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and EFL: English as a Foreign Language: Some countries accepted English language as a foreign language like china and japan, in social interaction there is no role, English learned and taught for the purpose of trade and business only. Accordingly, there are three geographical divisions of English-speaking nations viz., ENL territories, ESL territories and EFL territories” (Braj B. Kachru in Koul N. Omkar (eds.) 1992: 2 -3, cited in Hasan Kamrul Md,2004).

“It is the main language of books, airports, newspapers and air traffic control, international business and academic conferences, science, technology, medicine, diplomacy, sports, international competition, pop music and advertising. Over two third of the world’s scientists write on English. Of all the information in the world’s electronic retrieval system, 80 percent is stored in English. English radio programs are received by over 150 million people in 120 countries”. (Crystal 1987)

Above quote shows how English language spread in all the fields.

1.2 English As A Native Language

"English varies markedly from one ENL territory to another, and often from one region to another within heavily populated countries such as the US and UK, a state of affairs which, as travelers know well, can lead to problems of intelligibility. In the UK, for example, there are significant differences of accent, grammar, and vocabulary between Anglophone visitors to London and many of the local people (speakers of Cockney and near-Cockney), as well as in Scotland, where many people routinely mix Scots and English. In the US, there are significant differences between many speakers of African-American (or Black) English and what is sometimes called 'mainstream English.' . . . It is therefore risky to classify a territory as ENL and leave it at that, the ENLhood of a place being no guarantee whatever of unhampered communication in English."(Tom McArthur, the English Languages. Cambridge University. Press, 1998)(Nordiques)

Majority of Native Language is in the United Kingdom (UK), United States of America (USA), New Zealand, and Ireland, Australia and Canada and other part of Africa, South Asia and Caribbean. “Native English include American English, Australian English,

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British English, Canadian English, Irish English, New Zealand English, Scottish English, and Welsh English. In recent years, the proportion of ENL speakers has steadily declined while the use of English in ESL and EFL regions has rapidly increased.” (Nordiques) English is a co-official language of the European union, united nations and several other regional and world international organizations. Native English language has variety of accent and dialects in different regions and countries. They are called ‘Anglophones’. It is a third most spoken language in the universe.

1.3 English As A Second Language

In the colonized countries or British ruling countries, English language is using as a Second Language after National Language. In these countries most of the areas, almost all the fields, communication is used to with English language. In Educational Framework English teaches as a second language in school and collages, Higher Education adopted almost for the learning and teaching. Native people automatically adopted but the other children face difficulty to learn different level of English language. But now a day it grown up as a tree and with the learning environment and vast use in the communication of every field ease to getting it. Generally, the entire higher educational department, business, social and professional areas, and all the international communication of English language become normal. it is necessary to learn the language. Therefore, in the Educational framework as a second language English is more useful to build a confidence to face job interviews, business and the routine communication.

1.4 English Studies in Professional Education

In the 21st century, English Language took place in each and every field. The investigator categorized mainly two arena developed English language as a Global Perspective in professional education. 1. Academic English Education 2. Professional English Education.

1. Academic English Education

Academic English beginning from the kindergarten to high school. It is an academic discipline started to teach in Elementary to Intermediate Education. The study of English

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literature (short stories, autobiography, supplementary reading, novels and poetry) as an international level and home country with different knowledge. While language emphasized grammar, phonology phonetics and morphology in a basic level. And at the Graduation and Post-Graduation level, there is a special course for language and literature to get deep knowledge and specialization about English language. At the school level are prepared base for the future development of further study of professional level Education.

2. Professional English Education

“A professional is a member of a profession or any person who earns their living from a specified professional activity. The term also describes the standards of education and training that prepare members of the profession with the particular knowledge and skills necessary to perform their specific role within that profession. In addition, most professionals are subject to strict codes of conduct, enshrining rigorous ethical and moral obligations.

Professional standards of practice and ethics for a particular field are typically agreed upon and maintained through widely recognized professional associations, such as the IEEE. Some definitions of "professional" limit this term to those professions that serve some important aspect of public interest and the general good of society.” (Wikipedia)

As a ‘Global Perspective Role of English Study in Professional Education’ is an important part of Education. There is a gap to be bridged between the ‘Academic English Language’ and the ‘Globalised Professional World’. From last few years it is realized that, “Drawing on advances in the analysis of business discourses, especially in applied genre analysis, this state-of-the-art review revisits the frameworks currently used in English for Business Purposes and Business Communication (or, more generally, Professional Communication) to suggest an integration of the two approaches for the design of English for Business Communication (EBC) programmers’. The study incorporates an extensive review of much of the relevant published work in all the three areas mentioned above to identify some of the main issues in EBC, and illustrates a gradual shift in the rationale for the design and implementation of EBC programmers’.”

There are different categories in Professional Education. Such as Teaching, Medical, Engineering, Lawyer, Science, Research, Technical Field and so on. Every field has their

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own coding language in English. Therefore, students have to learn that particular field associated to English language and vocabulary related to their respective field. Study in professional English is the part of that particular field and it is not only local but also world level standard English level consider similar. Hence it is not at the National level but recognized as International level. E.g., in the medical field, for the medicine company name can be changed but the specific contains of medicine are similar So, in the field of medicine any one can recognize that particular medicine by it contains. same as teacher can teach in any place related to their respective subject. Similarly, in other fields the professional English study is useful in any country or part of the different regions.

There is a relation between the academic English study to real world. So theoretically and practically Academic English Language is co-related to Professional English Language. Hence, it is necessary to focus on both the study of English language.

1.5 Conclusion

Thus, overall conclusion is the importance of English language in every field at global level and mainly English study in professional Education. Both the Academic and Professional English language has significant role in education.

In this context, Quirk (1985) writers,

“English as global language in ENL (English as Native Language) and EFL (English as Foreign Language) countries all round the world. The English language works pretty in its global context today; certainly, the globe has at present no plausible substitute.” (Quirk)

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