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14. READING PATTERNS OF MALAYSIAN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

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ABSTRACT

This study surveyed the reading pattern of high school teachers in Malaysia. Newspaper and magazines were among the more popular type of reading materials preferred by the teachers. Demographic factors in relation to the types of materials used were observed. The analysis of borrowing pattern indicated that non-fiction materials were highly sought by the teachers. The materials were mainly borrowed for short period as in-class reference.

14.1 INTRODUCTION

For this question, respondents were allowed to choose more than one answers when specifying the types of materials they normally read in SRC. Table 14.1 illustrates the types of SRC materials read by respondents in the SRC. The result from this analysis shows that most of the respondents chose to read newspaper (30.3%) and magazine (25.1 %) in the SRC. A lower percentage of the respondents go to the SRC to read more serious materials such as materials from red-spot collections (12.5%), collections of past year examination questions (11.2%), non-fiction materials (11.2%) and fiction materials (9.7%).