RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MATHEMATICAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND MATHEMATICS PERFORMANCE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KUTIGI EDUCATIONAL ZONE, NIGER STATE

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## ABSTRACT

This study investigated the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State. Six research questions and hypotheses were used for the study. A correlational research design was adopted for the study. The sample of the study was made up of 269 (179 males and 90 females) students drawn from the target population of 858 students. The research instrument used was Mathematical Communication Skills Test (MCST). The instrument was validated by experts from Department of Science Education, Federal University of Technology Minna and a secondary school Mathematics Teacher. The reliability of instrument five (5) constructs were 0.82, 0.74, 0.81, 0.70 and 0.71 respectively with the average reliability of 0.76 using PPMC coefficients. Students Promotion Examination Scores of Mathematics was used as their Mathematics Performance. Research questions were answered using Mean and Standard deviation with Scatterplots while hypotheses were tested using PPMC at 0.05 level of significance. The results indicated that Mathematical Communication Skills of the secondary school students were low. Also, the Mathematical Communication Skills studied were contributors to Mathematics performance of secondary school students. Similarly, there was positive relationship between Gender and Mathematical Communication Skills of secondary school students. The study recommended that mathematics teachers should adopt a good measure to strengthen these Mathematical communication skills during teaching and learning process to enhance students' performance in Mathematics.

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#### CHAPTER ONE

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### **1.1** Background to the study

Mathematics is all around us in everything we do. It is the building block for everything in our daily activities, including mobile devices, computers, software, architecture (ancient and modern), art, money, engineering, social sciences, education, medicine and even sports. Since the beginning of recorded history, Mathematics has been at the front line of every civilized society (Elaine & Jonathan, 2021).

Mathematics is defined in Wikipedia (2019) as a subject developed from counting, calculation, measurement, and the systematic study of the shapes and motions of physical objects; Mathematics seeks and uses patterns to formulate new conjectures and resolve the truth with falsity conjectures via Mathematical proof. That is, when Mathematical structures are good models of natural phenomena, then mathematical reasoning can provide insight or prediction about nature through abstraction and logic. Awodu and Ojo (2013) defined mathematics as an intrinsic component of science that serves as a universal language and indispensable source of intellectual tools. This language can describe and analyze anything in the universe since it touches every aspect of life.

Mathematics's important role in education is derived from cultural, utilitarian and interdisciplinary values that the subject seeks to teach. Mathematics is so vital to the extent that all the beautiful things that are done by computers today, using computer programmes, are done ultimately using just two symbols that are equivalent to the numerals 1 and 0 of Mathematics. Odual (2013) stated that the Federal Government of Nigeria has made mathematics a core and compulsory subject in the curriculum of primary and secondary schools and a prerequisite to gaining admission into any tertiary

institution in the country due to its importance attached to technological development. Puspa *et al.* (2019) suggested that Mathematics should be taught to understand students since all fields of study require appropriate Mathematical skills that provide powerful, concise, and clear communication mediums needed to present information in various ways. Moreover, Mathematics improves the ability of logical thinking, precision, spatial awareness and gives satisfaction to the effort to solve challenging problems.

Despite the relevance and usefulness of Mathematics in realizing national development and aspiration, students' performance in secondary schools Mathematics is still unsteady and has caused a lot of concern for many years to parents, other stakeholders and most especially to Mathematics educators (Abdullahi, 2016). The trends of performance of students in Mathematics for 2015 – 2020 show that only 38 to 40% of the candidates who sat for the mathematics examinations in West African Examination Council (WAEC) obtained a credit pass and above (WAEC Head of National Office report, 2015 - 2020) see Appendix A. This shows that the student's performance in Mathematics is still low, thereby questioning issue of quality education among stakeholders in Mathematics and members of the public in Niger state.

Bhairab (2017) defines mathematics performance as the competence shown by the students in Mathematics over time. Performance is the act of something done successfully, especially with efforts or skills; it is the end product of learning experiences, what students have gained from what they have learnt (Odual, 2013). Hence, performance has to do with results obtained in a subject or subjects in a teacher-made test, examination, or standardised examination over time.

Various researchers have identified numerous factors as being responsible for students' low performance in Mathematics. Such factors are students' attitude toward learning mathematics, teachers' attitude to teaching mathematics, use of instructional materials, and teaching methods (Abdullahi, 2016). Students' characteristics, instructional/classroom characteristics, teachers' characteristics, societal factors and school factors are findings of (Ajogbeje and Ojo, 2016). Socio-economic status, gender, prior Mathematics achievement, parental support, peer influence, students' perception of good classroom assessment, school and class climate, attitude toward mathematics, and parental support (Henry *et al.*, 2015). School factors, overcrowding and Mathematical abilities (Odual, 2013).

Sutama et al. (2019) stated that the weakness of students in Mathematical communication skills had been linked to students answering questions through the examples given by the teacher. Since, some teachers are more concerned with the correct answers than how students can think logically about Mathematics, communicate ideas orally or in writing, or learn to take responsibility for their opinions. Communication takes place in every aspect of life, both within and outside the school environment. In the school environment, communication is widely used in the teaching and learning process. Septiana et al. (2018) defined communication as a process of transmitting information, idea, emotion and ability through symbols, words, pictures and numbers. Every student needs good communication skill to be able to solve various problems related to Mathematics. According to Lomibao et al. (2016), communication skills are the students' ability to express their ideas, describe, and discuss Mathematical concepts coherently and clearly. Also, the students can explain and justify action in procedure and process both orally and in writing. Strayer and Brown (2012) pointed out that learning can be promoted through good interactions and communication. Likewise, when students are encouraged to interact with others, they can communicate, construct individual understanding, symbolizing and concept formation.

Symbolizing and Communicating in Mathematics classrooms relate to how students attribute meaning to Mathematical symbols and how they become Mathematical symbol users (Puspa *et al.*, 2019). Furthermore, communication in Mathematics involves making use of the process of reading, writing, speaking, listening and thinking as one communicates with one's self, other people, computer, books, and other aids to the storage, retrieval and use of the collected Mathematical knowledge of the world (Sammons 2018). Hence, teachers require good Mathematical communication skills to be able to lead students to solve Mathematics problems. Mathematical communication skills have been defined by Septiana *et al.* (2018) as the ability of a person to write a Mathematical statement, reason or provide an explanation of each Mathematical argument used to solve the Mathematics problem using terms, tables, diagrams, notations, or Mathematics formula properly and check or evaluate another Mathematical thought.

Febry *et al.* (2017) list out Mathematical communication skills to include; the use of Mathematical language that is realized in the form of oral, written, or visual; the use of Mathematical representations that are discovered in the form of written or visual; and clarity of presentation, namely interpreting Mathematical ideas, using the Mathematical terms or notations to represent Mathematical ideas, as well as describe the relationships or Mathematical approach. Hence, the skills required to communicate mathematically effectively are problem-solving, reasoning, connecting and representing, among other skills.

Principles and Standards for School Mathematics, published by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) in 2014, outline the essential skills of a high-quality school Mathematics communication, including problem-solving, reasoning and proof, communication, connections, and representation. Clever (2020) referred to Problemsolving skills as the ability to solve problems effectively and timely without any impediments. It involves identifying and defining the problem, generating alternative solutions, evaluating and selecting the best alternative, and implementing the selected key. Since we face problems all the time, some of which are more complex than the others, either big problems or small ones, this skill can help solve it effectively.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) cited in Sammons (2018) stated that, where good problem solvers monitor and reflects on the process of mathematical problem-solving and adjust their use of strategies as needed, such reflective skills are much more likely to develop in a classroom environment that supports them. For example, if T = {prime numbers} and M = {odd numbers} are subsets of  $\mu = \{x: 0 < x \le$ 10, and x is an integer}, find (T<sup>I</sup> n M<sup>I</sup>), the student is expected to list out the parameters then solve the given problem as follows;  $\mu = \{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10\}$  T = {2,3,5,7} M = {1,3,5,7,9} T<sup>I</sup> = {1,4,6,8,9,10} M<sup>I</sup> = {2,4,6,8,10} T<sup>I</sup>  $\cap$  M<sup>I</sup> = {4,6,8,10}. The venn diagram can also be used to represent the information to ease the problem-solving as shown in the appendix. This standard requires that teachers to establish a learning environment in which students develop the habit of reflection through conversation, beginning in the early grades.

Another skill considered in this study was reasoning skills. Gulumser (2013) stated that reasoning skills is the ability to understand the logic behind Mathematical rules, generalization and solutions; and the ability to go beyond memorization of Mathematical formulas. According to Gunhan (2014), secondary school students must evaluate conjectures and assertions, reason deductively and inductively by formulating Mathematical assertions, and develop and maintain their reasoning skills. Gurbuz and Erdem (2016) also opined that reasoning includes abilities like following and assessing chains of arguments, knowing what a proof is and how it differs from other kinds of sense, uncovering the basic ideas in a given line of view, and devising formal and informal

discussions. For example, the foot of a ladder is 6m from the base of an electric pole. The top of the ladder rest against the pole at a point 8m above the ground. How long is the ladder? To answer this, the Pythagoras theorem can be used to find the length (L) of the ladder. From Pythagoras theorem, hypotenuse<sup>2</sup> = opposite<sup>2</sup> + adjacent<sup>2</sup>; hypotenuse = L, opposite = 8m adjacent = 6m therefore, length of the ladder,  $L^2 = 8^2 + 6^2 \rightarrow L = \sqrt{100} = 10m$ . The students are expected to represent the information in a triangle, then proof the length of the ladder using Pythagoras theorem. Also for the student to be able communicate effectively in Mathematics the student must have ability to connect or relate concepts in Mathematics with each other.

Haji *et al.* (2017) referred to connection skills as the ability to link between components in Mathematics, the Mathematics to other disciplines, and between Mathematics to everyday life. Haji et al further opined that since Mathematics is a science that includes a lot of relations between concepts, there is the need for the links between the concept of relationship with the concept of function, the linking of the addition operations with multiplication operations on numbers, the linking of the concept of the derivative function with the concept of profit and loss in the economic field as well as the linking of the concept of the exponential growth of bacteria. For example, H varies directly as p and inversely as the square of y. If H = 1, p = 8 and y = 2, find H in terms of p and y? The student should be able relates the concepts to solve this problem as  $H \propto \frac{p}{y^2}$ ;  $H = \frac{kp}{y^2}$  (k is the proportionality constant), if H = 1, P =8, y = 2 then  $1 = \frac{k \times 8}{z^2} \rightarrow 1 = \frac{8k}{4} \rightarrow 1 = 2k \rightarrow k$  $= \frac{1}{2}$  Substituting  $k = \frac{1}{2}$  in  $H = \frac{kp}{y^2}$  yield  $H = \frac{p}{2y^2}$ .

Ndiung and Fransiskus (2018) opined that to build a coherent curriculum and foster connections, the big ideas from one topic must be built on in others so that students are allowed to use familiar concepts in new settings. Students cannot also escape using tables,

graphs, diagrams and figures in Mathematics for them to be able to achieve better in Mathematics since they are expected to have the skill of representation. Representation skills are the ability to express Mathematical ideas or concepts through the use of multiple tools such as words, tables, drawings or tangible materials (Arman, 2019). Aflich *et al.* (2018) claimed that the representation in the form of words, graphs, tables, and statements is a learning approach that provides an opportunity to present students' ideas in learning Mathematical concepts without any restrictions.

Arman (2019) pointed out that Mathematical representation makes the concepts and relationships clearer and solid, helps the student to understand the components of knowledge more comprehensively and in detail by identifying the common mathematical elements of the different situations of concepts, in addition to helping them to focus on the basic characteristics of Mathematical concepts and to use them to solve life problems. For example, the following scores are obtained by students in a test: 8, 18, 10, 14, 18, 11, 13, 14, 13, 17, 15, 8, 16, 13. Find the mode and mean of the distribution? This can be solved as follows: since mode is the number that appears the most. Therefore, the mode of the dataset is 13. Whereas, Mean =  $\frac{8+8+10+11+13+13+13+14+14+15+16+17+18+18}{14} = \frac{288}{14} = 13.4$  this can also be answered by representing the information on the table as shown in the appendix. Also, in

consideration in this study is the Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students based on gender.

Gender is a moderating variable which is taken into consideration in this study. Some researchers put male and female discrepancy in Mathematics performance in favour of males performing better than their female counterparts to be as a result of the female belief towards Mathematics. Mawaddah *et* al. (2018) opines that psychologically males and females are different; females are more interested in real life issues, whereas males are more interested in abstract aspects. They further states that the difference between males and females in learning Mathematics is that males are superior in reasoning, whereas females are superior in accuracy, precision, carefulness, and thoughtfulness.

Moreover, opportunities to communicate play an essential role in Mathematics performance. Based on this background, this study examine the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State.

### **1.2** Statement of the research problem

There are some abstract concepts in Mathematics that students need to understand to enable them communicate effectively in Mathematics. Despite the effort made by the Niger state government to revamp the quality of education in the state by adopting certain interventions such as seminars, workshops and conferences to boost the teachers' quality of instructional delivery to students and in helping them perform better in their academic **pursuit**, observations and reports from examining bodies revealed that a high percentage of secondary school students failed Mathematics examinations and the failure often generated much concern especially, to parents, teachers, students and other stakeholders (Abdullahi, 2016).

Several factors such as: teachers' attitude to teaching of Mathematics; students attitude towards Mathematics; methods of teaching Mathematics; use of instructional materials; socio-economic status; gender; prior knowledge in Mathematics; parental support; peer influence; students' perception of good classroom assessment; school and class climate; and overcrowding among others had been identified by various researchers as being responsible for low performance in Mathematics (Odual 2013; Henry et al., 2015 and Abdullahi, 2016). Little or no attention has been given to Mathematical communication skills of students, whereas communication plays significant role in learning Mathematics.

To the best of researcher's knowledge, no attention has been given to Mathematical Communication Skills in relation to Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Niger State. Because, most of the reviews that related to present study are done based on personality and some outside the geogrphical location of present study. However, this study examines the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State.

#### **1.3** Aim and objectives of the study

The aim of this study was to examine the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State. Specifically, the study sets out to achieve the following objectives:

- to determine the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State;
- 2. to find out the relationship between problem-solving skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State;
- 3. to find out the relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State;
- 4. to find out the relationship between connection skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State;

- to determine the relationship between representation skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State; and
- 6. to determine the relationship between gender and Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State.

## **1.4** Research questions

From the objectives of the study, six research questions were raised to guide the study.

- What is the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State?
- 2. What is the relationship between problem-solving skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State?
- 3. What is the relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State?
- 4. What is the relationship between connection/relation skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State?
- 5. What is the relationship between representation skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State?
- 6. What is the relationship between gender and Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State?

## **1.5** Research hypotheses

Six null hypotheses were also formulated based on the raised research questions and tested at 0.05 significance level.

- H<sub>01</sub>: There is no significant relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State
- H<sub>02</sub>: There is no significant relationship between problem-solving skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State
- H<sub>03</sub>: There is no significant relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State
- H<sub>04</sub>: There is no significant relationship between connection skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State
- H<sub>05</sub>: There is no significant relationship between representation skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State
- H<sub>06</sub>: There is no significant relationship between Gender and Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State

## **1.6** Significance of the study

The secondary school students and teachers, curriculum planners, future researchers and government would benefit from the result of this study.

Findings of this study would be of benefit to secondary school students by enabling them to organize their Mathematical thinking and communicate with their peers and their teachers effectively in Mathematics. It will arouse their interest and facilitate their performance in Mathematics.

It is important that as an educator one is able to understand the students' knowledge of a Mathematical concept. Findings of the study will help the teachers to check the students' weak areas and adjust in improving the quality of their instruction in line with the planned professional practices expected, so as to make expressing their Mathematics ideas easier.

The outcome of the study will serve as a guide to curriculum planners in planning the curriculum that will suit the abilities, level, characteristics, and needs of the learners and provide future researchers with proper research evidence in researching this area.

The government of Nigeria would also use the findings of this study as a guide in ensuring that the Ministry of Education carries out adequate supervision and evaluation of secondary schools, so that duties delegated to teachers are effectively and efficiently managed as expected. It will also enable the government to organize in-service training programmes for Mathematics teachers through workshops, seminars, and conferences to equip them with more new skills to improve their quality of instructional delivery.

## **1.7** Scope of the study

The geographical location of this study was Kutigi Educational Zone which comprises of Lavun, Edati and Mokwa local government areas of Niger State. The study was delimited to Senior Secondary School two (SS 2) students who have almost covered the senior

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secondary school Mathematics syllabus in Kutigi Educational Zone. The content of the study covers Mathematics syllabus related to number and numeration, algebraic process, geometry, probability and statistics as contained in the Senior Secondary School two (SS 2) Mathematics curriculum. Mathematical Communication Skills is the independent variable; Mathematics performance is the dependent variable while Students Gender was considered moderating variables under study. Test was the instrument used for this study with Students Promotion examination scores also, this study last for the period of six (6) weeks.

#### **1.8** Operational definition of terms

Skills: ability to understand, interpret, and express Mathematical situations in written form.

**Problem solving skill:** ability of the students to apply mathematics concepts, rules and clarifies mathematics concepts in details

**Proof and reasoning skill:** ability of the students to go beyond memorization of formulas in solving Mathematics problems

**Communication skills:** ability of the students to use operatonal signs, symbols, terminology ind solving mathematics problems.

**Connection skill:** ability of the students to relate Mathematics concepts with each others and real life situation

**Representation skill:** ability of the students to represent information in the tables, graphs, diagrams among others

Mathematics performance: Mathematics Promotion Examination Scores of secondary school students

## **CHAPTER TWO**

## 2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

## 2.1 Conceptual Framework

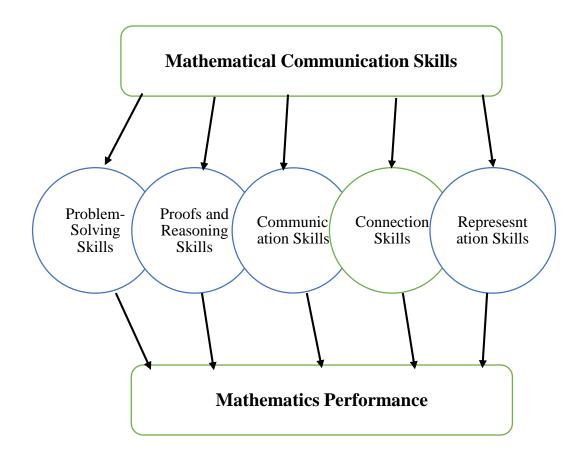


Figure 2.1: showing conceptual framework of the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance.

Source: Developed by researcher

#### 2.1.1 Concept and nature of mathematics

The need for Mathematics arose base on the society, that is, the more complex a society, the more the Mathematical needs. According to Nwoke and Nnaji (2011), Mathematics is developed through the use of abstraction and logical reasoning, from counting, calculation, measurement and the study of the shapes and motion of physical objects. Mathematics is described as a language in which every symbol and every combination has precise meaning which can be determined by application of logical rules; it is the science that deals with the logic of shape, quantity and arrangement and use in even the most primitive of cultures (Abdullahi, 2016). Mathematics is one of the school subjects that any nation needs for industrial and technological advancement, useful for most vocation and higher specialized courses of learning (Charles-Ogan and Otikor, 2016). They further stated that Mathematics is an excellent vehicle for the development and improvement of a person's intellectual competence in logical reasoning, spatial visualization, analysis and abstract thought. Hence, students who study Mathematics develop problem-solving skills, reasoning skills, communication skills, connection skills and representation skills, through the learning and application of Mathematics.

# 2.1.2 Nature and objectives of senior secondary school mathematics curriculum in Nigeria

The inclusion of Mathematics as a core subject in the Secondary School curriculum is because of the significant function it has to perform in the achievement of the objectives of the secondary school education, such as promoting science and technology, provision of trained manpower in the applied sciences, technology and commerce, and the acquisition of appropriate skills, abilities and competence both mental and physical, as equipment for the individual to live on and contribute to the development of his society (Federal Republic of Nigeria (FRN), 2014). Abdullahi (2016) defined curriculum as an educational programme of the school with attention on the elements of programme of studies, experiences, services and hidden curriculum. The emphasis on all experience which is likely to influence the overall development of learner should be considered while developing the curriculum. In the Process and Standard for School Mathematics (PSSM's) curriculum section, the National Council of Teachers Mathematics as cite in Daniel *et al* (2014) promotes a coherent curriculum, in which an orderly and logical progression increases students' understanding of Mathematics and avoids wasting time with unnecessary repetition as well as acknowledge that the relative importance of some specific topics changes over time. For example, a basic understanding of iteration is important to students who are learning computer programming, and is almost absent from 19th century textbooks. Similarly, older American Mathematics textbooks included lessons that are no longer considered important, such as rules for calculating the number of bushels of hay that could be stored in a bin of stated dimensions, because this skill was useful to farmers at that time. Hence, they proposed that Mathematics taught in modern classrooms should provide the skills that are most important to the students' lives and careers.

As was emphasized by Nigerian Educational Research Development Council (NERDC) in the work of Shittu (2015), the content of the general Mathematics curriculum is grouped into six sections namely, Number and Numeration, Algebraic Processes, Mensuration, Plane Geometry, Trigonometry, and Statistics but recently reviewed to five content areas with each section occurring every year of the three Senior Secondary School programme. He further cited NERDC that, in recent years the Mathematics curriculum from primary to the secondary school in Nigeria has witnessed several changes in terms of contents, performance objectives, activities, methods and materials among others to make it more relevant or adaptable to changes occurring every now and then in the society. One of such recent changes is the shift away from the 6-3-3-4 system of education, that is, six years of primary school, three years of junior secondary school, three years of senior secondary school and four years of university education. This change led to the development of 9-year basic and senior secondary education Mathematics curriculum takes into consideration the relevance of the subject

to global world. He further mentions that the objectives of its curriculum should enable students to:

- Prepare for further and tertiary education
- Develop skills that enhance capital market skills
- Be proficient in the application of ICT
- Acquire competency in various vocations they may wish to pursue at tertiary level.

#### **2.1.3** Concept of mathematics performance

Performance has been viewed in several ways by different researchers, some of who are Sofyan (2020), that performance is the result, the successfulness, the extent or ability, the progress in learning educational experiences that the individual indicates in relation to his/her educational learning. According to Odual (2013), performance is the end product of learning experience, what students have gained as a result of what they have learnt. He further stated that Mathematics performance deals primarily with the better performance of students in either teachermade test or standardised test administered by examining bodies. Mathematics achievement was described by Bhairab (2017) as the competency shown by the student in Mathematics, the result of acquired knowledge or information, understanding, skills and techniques developed in the subject of Mathematics in a particular stage. Hence, Mathematics performance is the better performance of students in Mathematics in either teacher-made or standardized test administered to them by examining bodies.

#### 2.1.3.1 Concept of gender

Gender is the fact of been a male or female. Abdullahi (2016) refers to gender as the social construct that established and differentiated status and roles between men and

women, particularly in how they contribute to, participate in, and are rewarded by the economy and the prevailing social system. Gender achievement of students in learning Mathematics are not new. In line with the above, Firdiani *et al.* (2020) opined that male roles are more associated with mental rotation, spatial perception, and spatial visualization and female roles related to the phonological verbal fluently, synonym generation, and grammar. Also, the difference between male and female verbal ability cause the difference in gender Mathematical communication. Mawaddah *et al.* (2018) state that males are different from females psychologically; while females are more interested in real-life issues, males are more interested in abstract aspects. Also, the difference between males and females are superior in reasoning, whereas females are superior in accuracy, precision, carefulness and thoughtfulness.

#### 2.1.4 Concept of mathematics communication skills

A skill is the ability to carry out a task with determined results, often within a given amount of time, energy, or both. This can often be divided into general and specific skills. For example, in work, some general skills would include time management, teamwork and leadership, self-motivation and others, whereas specific skills would be used only for a certain job. Skill usually requires certain environmental stimuli and situations to assess the level of skill being shown and used. People need a broad range of skills to contribute to the modern economy (Merriam-Webstar Dictionary, 2020). Communication is a process of transferring information, ideas, emotions from one entity to another entity or group to another group using signs, words, pictures, videos, graphics, and numbers (Warner & Kaur, 2017). Communication skills is the ability of the students to express their ideas, describe and discuss concepts coherently and clearly. It is the students' capability to explain and justify action in procedure and process both orally and in writing (Lomibao *et al.*, 2016). Mailis *et al.* (2019) stated that Mathematical communication skills include the ability to present Mathematical ideas verbally, in writing, pictures, graphics and other visual forms. Mathematical communication skill is the ability of students to use Mathematics as a tool of communication (language of Mathematics) (Febry *et al.*, 2017). Here, Mathematical communication skills are those skills that the students must possess in order to communicate Mathematics problems effectively. These include using Mathematics symbols, terms, notations, diagrams, graphs, tables and pictures among others. Hence, this research considers the following Mathematics communication skills; problem-solving skills, reasoning skills, communication skills, connection skills and representation skills.

#### 2.1.5 Mathematical communication skills of senior secondary school students

A number of factors had been identified by various researchers and educators as being responsible for low performance in Mathematics. Abdullahi (2016) characterized them as teachers' attitude to teaching of Mathematics, students attitude towards Mathematics, methods of teaching Mathematics, use of instructional materials. Henry *et al.* (2015) also list socio-economic status, gender, prior Mathematics achievement, parental support, peer influence, students' perception of good classroom assessment, school and class climate, attitude toward Mathematics and parental support. Odual (2013) mention school factors, overcrowding and Mathematical abilities as the factors responsible for low performance in Mathematics. Little or no attention has been given to Mathematical communication skills of students, whereas communication plays significant role in learning Mathematics.

In the work of Sumaji *et al.* (2019), communication facilitates students' use of vocabulary, phrases, symbols, and Mathematics meanings. Ahmad and Andi (2017) stated that in communicating, a person must be able to provide meaning and language that can be understood by the converser, resulting in good communication. According to them, the meaning of communicative here is that the conversation that occurs between two or more people who interact with each other and understand the contents of the conversation. Cragg *et al.* (2017) Stated that a good understanding of Mathematics is essential for success in modern society, leading not only to good job prospects but also a better quality of life. Amoncio (2012) believed that when students can fully communicate the way they think, teachers can do an excellent job in intervening at the level of their understanding and can provide better opportunities for them to succeed. Ihdi and Scholastika (2017) stated that; lack of understanding of the problems, lack of knowledge of the strategy and the inability to translate problems into Mathematical model hinder the knowledge of the structure of Mathematics due to more passive learning of Mathematics than the active learning.

Hence, the researcher sought to investigate the following Mathematical communication skills;

Mathematical Problem-solving skills Mathematical Proofs and Reasoning skills, Mathematical Communication skills, Mathematical Connection/Relations skills and Mathematical Representations skills.

## 2.1.5.1 Mathematical problem-solving skills

Problem solving skills has long been seen as important skills of teaching and the learning of Mathematics. Clever (2020) opines that a problem is any unpleasant situation which prevents people from achieving what they want to achieve, hence any activity to eliminate a problem is termed problem solving. Sammons (2018) stated that students should be engaged in solving problems posed in Mathematics class as well as those that occur in real-life situations. They should be encouraged to construct new Mathematical meaning from their problem-solving efforts. Being able to communicate mathematically is essential for these tasks. First, students must make sense of problems, make connections to the math they know, and then translate the problems into Mathematical terms. Adi (2014) stated that Mathematics is abstract, it is to simplify and clarify the Mathematical problem-solving. Gulumser (2013) defined Mathematical problem-solving skills as the ability to apply Mathematical concepts and rules effectively in order to solve unordinary problems. This skill cuts across the Mathematics content in the area of number and numeration (numerical process) and algebraic process.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) (2014) explains that solving problems is not only a goal of learning Mathematics but also a major means of doing so. It is an integral part of Mathematics, not an isolated piece of the Mathematics programme. Students require frequent opportunities to formulate, grapple with, and solve complex problems that involve a significant amount of effort. They are to be encouraged to reflect on their thinking during the problem-solving process so that they can apply and adapt the strategies they develop to other problems and in other contexts. By solving Mathematical problems, students acquire ways of thinking, habits of persistence and curiosity, and confidence in unfamiliar situations that serve them well outside the Mathematics classroom. According to Dendane (2009), Mathematical problem-solving skill is a process that involves a set of factors and tasks to achieve a defined goal. It depends on

many skills and factors which therefore makes it challenging both to learn and to teach. If the instructor's understanding of the process is limited, difficulties in teaching the concept will arise. Hence, there is great need to understand these factors and skills if we want to help our students acquire this important process. Also, if well facilitated, this skill may help students to:

1. develop and improve the generic ability to solve real life problems;

- 2. develop critical thinking skills and reasoning;
- 3. gain deep understanding of concepts; and
- 4. work in groups, interact with and help each other.

Most of the Mathematics textbooks suggest few types of problems as examples with detailed solutions and then suggest similar problems as exercises. Student's learning is limited if only routine problems are solved. The problems used to create genuine learning opportunities should be of the challenging type and not only those similar to ones already solved in the past. Hoyles and Lagrange (2010) explain that problem-solving frameworks and instructional approaches came from analyzing students' problem solving experiences that involve or rely mainly on the use of paper and pencil work. Thus, there is a need to re-examine principles and frameworks to explain what learners develop in learning environments that incorporate systematically the coordinated use of digital technologies. Clever (2020) explains some of the importance of problem-solving skills to include:

- i. make the impossible possible: knowledge alone is not the key to solving problems but rather, complimenting it with systematic problem solving approaches makes the difference. This helps individuals and organizations to overcome perilous challenges;
- ii. make you to stand out: people are trained to do the usual, they have acquired skills and knowledge in what they do. However, people can hardly solve problems when

they are unexpected or unprecedented ones. If you become a regular problem solver at your workplace, you are easily noticed, recognized, and appreciated;

iii. increased confidence: No matter where you work or what your profession is, having the ability to solve problems will boost your confidence level. Because you are sure of your ability to solve problems, you do not spend time worrying about what you will do if a problem should arise.

According to Jacob and Sheena (2019), a problem in Mathematics is any situation that must be resolved using Mathematical tools but for which there is no immediately obvious strategy. Mathematicians have always understood that problem-solving is central to their discipline because without a problem there is no Mathematics. This practice requires teaching in profoundly different ways as schools moved from a teacher directed to a more dialogic approach to teaching and learning. The challenge for teachers is to teach students not only to solve problems but also to learn about Mathematics through problem-solving. They cited Wu and Zhang that importance of problem-solving in learning Mathematics comes from the belief that Mathematics is primarily about reasoning, not memorization. Problem-solving allows students to develop understanding and explain the processes used to arrive at solutions, rather than remembering and applying a set of procedures. It is through problem-solving that students develop a deeper understanding of Mathematical concepts, become more engaged, and appreciate the relevance and usefulness of Mathematics. They further stated that Problem-solving in Mathematics supports the development of: (i) the ability to think creatively, critically, and logically; (ii) the ability to structure and organize; (iii) the ability to process information; (iv) enjoyment of an intellectual challenge; and (v) the skills to solve problems that help them to investigate and understand the world.

Hence, it is clear that problem-solving skills need to be applied in learning Mathematics in the classroom so that students are able to communicate proficiently, think critically, collaborate and create new ideas in Mathematics

#### 2.1.5.2 Mathematical proofs and reasoning skills

Proofs and Reasoning skills are some of the skills that students are expected to possess in order to communicate successively in Mathematics. Reasoning is defined by Merriam-Webster dictionary (2020) as the use of reason; that is, the power of comprehending, inferring, or thinking especially in an orderly rational way. And proof as the process of establishing the validity of a statement especially by derivation from other statement in accordance with principles of reasoning. Agata (2014) defines proof as a sequence of logical statements which gives an explanation of why a given statement is true. Ayal et al. (2016) defines reasoning as an activity or the activity of thinking in order to prepare a new statement, which was based on some statements whose truth is known in advance. Therefore, ability to reason is essential to understanding Mathematics, this prompted Thomas (2020) to define reasoning skills as crucial for being able to generate and maintain viewpoints or beliefs that are coherent with, and justified by relevant knowledge. It also determines how people comprehend, evaluate, and accept claims and arguments. Sumarsih et al. (2018) declare that it is a basic skill of Mathematics that is necessary for a number of purposes: to understand Mathematical concepts, to use Mathematical ideas and procedures flexibility, and to reconstruct Mathematical ideas.

According to Gunhan (2014), Mathematical reasoning refers to the ability to formulate and represent a given Mathematics problem then explain and justify the solution or argument. Agata (2014) submits that Mathematical proof and reasoning are absolute, which means that once a theorem is proved, it is proved forever. He stated that previously established theorems may be used to deduce the new ones; also one may also refer to it as the rules accepted by everyone. Ayal *et al.* (2016) argue that the Mathematical reasoning ability is the ability to express the arguments that are essential for understanding Mathematics. They further cited Sumarmo that some of the indicators of the ability of belonging to the Mathematical reasoning are: (1) draw the logical conclusion; (2) provide an explanation of the models, pictures, facts, nature, relationships or patterns exist; (3) estimate the answer and process solutions; (4) use a pattern of relationships to analyze the situation, or make an analogy, generalization, and arrange conjecture; (5) propose opponent example; (6) follow the rules of inference, check the validity of the argument, proving and compose a valid argument; and (7) develop direct evidence, indirect evidence and proof by induction. This skill cuts across the Mathematics content in the area of logical reasoning, geometry and algebraic process.

In the work of Gurbuz and Erdem (2016), it is stated that people who reason and think analytically tend to note patterns, structures, or regularities in both real-world and Mathematical situations, they ask if those patterns are accidental or if they occur for a reason, they make and investigate Mathematical conjectures, they develop and evaluate Mathematical arguments and proofs, which are formal ways of expressing particular kinds of reasoning and justification. Sumarsih *et al.* (2018) state that Mathematical reasoning is essentially about the development, justification and use of Mathematical generalizations; generalizations create an interconnected web of mathematical knowledge and conceptual understanding, also seeing Mathematics as a web of interrelated ideas is both a result of an emphasis on Mathematical reasoning and a foundation for reasoning further. Carol and Susan (2016) opine that instructional programme from prekindergarten through grade 12 should enable all students to:

1. recognize reasoning and proof as fundamental aspects of mathematics;

- 2. make and investigate Mathematical conjectures;
- 3. develop and evaluate Mathematical arguments and proofs; and
- 4. select and use various types of reasoning and methods of proof.

Mathematical reasoning skills is characterised by activities such as looking for, and exploring, patterns to understand Mathematical structures, and using available resources to solve problems. Mathematical reasoning skills if merged with scientific conduct possesses the capacity of advancing students' inquiry skills beyond memorisation of facts and procedures, and lead the learners to creating new knowledge (Sokolowski, 2018). To develop Mathematical reasoning students will: (1) engage in substantial problem-solving; (2) be able to communicate and interpret their results; (3) learn Mathematics through modeling real-world situations; (4) expand their Mathematical reasoning skills as they develop convincing Mathematical arguments; (5) use appropriate technology to enhance their Mathematical thinking and understanding, to solve Mathematical problems, and to judge the rationality of their results; (6) perform arithmetic operations, as well as reason and draw conclusions from numerical information; (7) use algebra and/or other symbolic representations to translate and solve problems; (8) develop a spatial and measurement sense; (9) demonstrate understanding of the concept of function verbally, numerically, graphically, and/or symbolically; and (10) analyze data and use probability and statistical models to make inference about real-world situations (Thomas, 2020).

Bright (2015) explains three ideas for improving students' Mathematical reasoning skills:

1. help students ask 'why?': the teacher instructs students to justify their answers. If they can verbalize how they arrived at their answer, they can more easily pin point the logical thinking that was involved. For example, say you ask students to solve this equation: 12 + X = 73 + 15 logically, students could reach the answer in a few

different ways. First, since 12 is only 3 less than 15, the numbers are relatively easy to compute. So, after that reasoning, students could conclude that the answer must be 73 added to 3, or 76. Or, since logically X must be equal to 12 less than the sum of 73 and 15, students could first add the larger numbers to 88, then subtract 12 from 76. As much as possible, have students explain their thought processes in this way, and make sure they show their work on assignments and tests to practice this line of thinking;

- 2. teach proofs: geometric proofs are a practical application of Mathematical reasoning. They ask students to write down first what they are given in a geometry problem, then what they suspect. Then, in a second column, students must write out why each statement is true. Geometric proofs force students to look at problems in small increments, rather than quickly solving them in their head without thought. In that way, they help students understand the reasoning behind solving the problem; and
- 3. have students work together: to help students practice reasoning, have them work in pairs or groups. When they work together on a math problem, they will be able to justify to each other how they got an answer, and they will also be able to analyze and critique the other students' reasoning.

According Mailis *et al.* (2019) students' ability to think and convey ideas is strongly influenced by how their brains work, as students have different levels of intelligence. Therefore, to optimally stimulate the brain during the learning, a teacher must establish a fun learning environment and challenge students' thinking skills to increase students' engagement leading to more meaningful learning. Hence, it is clear that the Mathematical reasoning skills need to be fully incorporated into classrooms, schools, and districts around the country in order to help students to excel in their academic pursuit and to produce citizens and employees adequately prepared to face the challenges ahead.

## 2.1.5.3 Mathematical communication skills

One of the important skills that is expected of the students to be able to solve Mathematical problems is communication skills. Mathematical communication is the ability to explain Mathematical thinking process by standard mathematical terminology and symbols the way other people would understand it (Gulumser, 2013). Mailis *et al.* (2019) opine that Mathematical communication skills must be well integrated into the classroom and students should be guided to express and write ideas, questions, and solutions. They concluded that these skills should be a major concern in Mathematics learning to foster students' skills of thinking and conveying ideas. Sutama *et al.* (2019) portray that Mathematics communication, students can organize and consolidate their Mathematical thinking. Also, students are subjects who have ability to actively seek, process, construct, and apply knowledge in daily life; in this manner, to deeply understand and apply knowledge, students need to be encouraged to work to solve problems, find everything for themselves, and strive to realize their ideas.

Sutama *et al* (2019) further list out competence of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills as (a) critical thinking and problem-solving skill (b) communication skill (c) creativity and innovation skill (d) collaboration skill. They cited Hirsch et al that the ability of communication in Mathematics include: (1) the ability to express Mathematical ideas through oral, written, and able to demonstrate it, and visually depicting; (2) the ability to understand, interpret, and evaluate Mathematical ideas through oral, written or other visual forms; and (3) ability to use terms, Mathematical notations, and structures to present ideas, describe relationships, and situational strategies. According to Puspita (2016) by Mathematical communication skills, the ideas and messages of material should be well taught to the students in order to help build their knowledge resulting in the increase of their learning outcomes. Ahmad and Andi (2017) state that when a student is able to communicate things effectively, then it is a good capital in behaving towards others and able to cooperate with others in doing an innovation. Febry *et al.* (2017) state that communication is at the heart of learning in Mathematics. Mathematical communication skills include: (1) the use of Mathematical language that is realized in the form of oral, written, or visual; (2) the use of Mathematical representations that is realized in the form of written or visual; and (3) clarity of presentation, namely interpreting Mathematical ideas, use the Mathematics term or notation to represent Mathematical ideas, as well as describe the relationships or Mathematical approach. Wichelt (2009) point out that communication is a key part of students' learning, in which they need to be able to communicate with their teachers and their peers in order to understand knowledge of a Mathematical concept. Teachers can stimulate students' growth of Mathematical knowledge through the ways they ask and respond to questions.

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precisely. In NCTM (2014) Mathematical communication is seen as a way of sharing ideas and clarifying understanding. Through communication, ideas become objects of reflection, refinement, discussion, and amendment. Similarly, when students are challenged to communicate the results of their thinking to others orally or in writing, they learn to be clear, convincing, and precise in their use of Mathematical language.

Summaji et al (2019) state that Mathematical communication of the students in the class can be realized by using 4 strategies: (1) giving appropriate tasks; (2) creating conducive environment to express their notions; (3) directing them to explain and argue toward the given results; and (4) directing them to actively process various ideas and notions. They further stated that Mathematical communication can be found in three aspects: (1) communicating mathematic ideas by writing texts; (2) communicating Mathematics ideas by drawing pictures, tables, diagrams, graphics; and (3) communicating Mathematics ideas by Mathematical expression (making model/equation then work out them). Based on the above definitions and assertions, Mathematical communication skills need to be well incorporated into the classroom in order to help students learn Mathematics as well as enable them to excel in their academic pursuit.

## 2.1.5.4 Mathematical connection skills

Connection is one of the must have skill to be able solve Mathematics problem and do well in any other field successfully. Armitage (2019) refers to connections as Mathematically relevant observations that students make about their problem-solving solutions and that connections require students to look at their solutions and reflect. Siregar and Muhammad (2019) describe Mathematical connection skills as an ability that must be built and studied. Also, with good Mathematical connection skills (i) students will be able to understand the relationship of various concepts in Mathematics and apply Mathematics in everyday life; (ii) students will feel the benefits of learning Mathematics and; and (iii) their understanding of the concepts learned will help them to retain and recall those concepts when the need arises.

According to Ndiung and Fransiskus (2018) the notion of 'connections' in Mathematics relates both to those that exist: (i) within and between different content areas in Mathematics such as within number or between number and measurement; (ii) between Mathematics learning and learning in other areas; and (iii) between Mathematics and the context within which a child lives, works or plays. According to Hotmaria *et al.* (2018), learning is said to be meaningful if the information learned by learners is prepared in the appropriate cognitive structure so that they have a strong memory and transfer learning is easily achieved, by not often memorizing Mathematical ideas without trying to interpret the idea. Dedi and Jojon (2013) describe some of the indicators in Mathematical connections as:

a. finding the relationship of the various representations of concepts and procedures;

b. understanding the relationship between Mathematical topics;

c. using Mathematics in other areas of study or daily life;

d. understanding the representation of equivalent concept or similar procedure;

e. finding the connection between one procedure to another in an equivalent representation;

f. using connections among Mathematical topics and between Mathematics with another subject.

Siregar and Muhammad (2019) proposed that, it is very important that the teacher has knowledge of Mathematical connections and be able to create a rich environment to support the development of Mathematical connection skills among students, considering the opportunity to discuss their ideas with colleagues and to develop their Mathematical understanding through conversation, students have a greater opportunity to develop Mathematical connection skills. According to NCTM (2014), when students connect Mathematical ideas, their understanding is deeper and more lasting, view Mathematics as a coherent whole and sees Mathematical connections in the rich interplay among Mathematical topics, in contexts that relate Mathematics to other subjects, and in their own interests and experience. Dedi and Jojon (2013) state that the Mathematical concept and procedure newly developed can be applied to solve other problems in Mathematics and other disciplines.

In line with the above, Haji *et al.* (2017) itemize the importance of Mathematical connection skills in Mathematics as: (1) expanding horizons; (2) clarifying Mathematics as a whole; and (3) clarifying the benefits of Mathematics. Hotmaria et al (2018) affirm that Mathematical connection skills can improve students' cognitive abilities such as recall, understand the application of environmental concepts and so on, without applying the concept of student experience, it would be difficult to remember certain material and remember too many separate concepts whereas Mathematics is rich in principles. Armitage (2019) points out that teachers should help students to develop an understanding of Mathematical connections in the following areas:

- develop students' abilities to use multiple strategies to show their Mathematical thinking and support that their answers are correct;
- (2) encourage students to continue their representations. Mathematical connections may be made when students continue a representation beyond the correct answer;
- (3) explore the rich formal language of mathematics. Mathematical connections may be made as students begin to use the formal language of Mathematics and its connection to their representations, calculations and solutions;

- (4) incorporate inquiry into the problem-solving process. Asking students to clarify, explain, support a part of their solution to a math partner, the whole class, or a teacher, this not only helps to develop independent problem solvers but also leads to more Mathematics connections; and
- (5) encourage self- and peer-assessment opportunities in your classroom. Encourage students to self-assess their problem-solving solutions either independently, with a Mathematics partner or with the support of their teacher.

In line with the above, the teachers need to play a significant role to improve the Mathematical connection skills of the students through classroom activities such as engaging students in classroom discussion, giving alternative answers, sharing their explanations and ideas, and communicating with each other in order to improve their Mathematical connection skill in solving the problem.

#### 2.1.5.5 Mathematical representation skills

This aspect of Mathematical communication skill is very important for students to be able to solve problems in Mathematics effectively and efficiently. Representation skill is a process in which students communicate ideas or answer problem (Zeny & Bella, 2017). Novia and Dian (2018) states that representation is an expression of Mathematical thoughts or ideas which are displayed in an attempt to find a solution to the problem being faced. Aflich *et al.* (2018) see representation to mean how the student re-interprets a problem into a simple form based on his understanding and he communicates a solution obtained through external representations that can be verbal, symbolic, or visual. Aflich et al (2018) further stated that representation skill is the foundation that allows a student to understand and utilize Mathematical ideas appropriately.

Adi (2014) assert that representation plays an important role, namely (1) to transform abstract ideas into tangible concepts, with pictures, symbols, words, graphics and others. (2) provide a broad overview of the concepts in terms of the analogy existing topics. Hence, it is expected that when students have access to the representations and the ideas shown to them, then they have a set of tools that significantly expand their skill to be ready to think Mathematically.

In the work of Novia and Dian (2018), Mathematical representation refers to an expression of Mathematical ideas that are displayed as models and utilized to find solutions being faced and afterwards become the results of thoughts expressed through images, graphics, words, and Mathematical symbols. Ming-Jang *et al.* (2015) refer to it as the different forms of representations that learners use to interpret a problem. In addition, Adi (2014) describes it as depiction, translation, disclosure, reappointment, figurative skills or even modeling ideas, Mathematical concepts, and the relationship between them that contains a configuration, construction, or certain situations that students appear in various forms on an attempt to achieve clarity of meaning, demonstrate understanding or find a solution to his problems.

Samsuddin and Retnawati (2018) state that Mathematical representation consists of two inseparable parts, namely: (1) external representation, one that physically exists and is observable, such as graphic, pictures, equations and table; (2) internal representation, such as model, scheme or concepts which is mental or cognitive and cannot be directly observable. Meanwhile, the internal representation is how students develop their knowledge to work their mind. Aflich *et al.* (2018) divide Mathematical representations into five categories: real life experience representation, concrete representation, oral or verbal language representation, pictures or graphs representation and arithmetic symbols

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representation. Among these five categories, the last three representations reflect the more abstract and higher level in the representation of Mathematical problem-solving. Thus:

- 1. language representation skill: the skill of translating observed properties and relationships in Mathematical problems into verbal or vocal representations;
- 2. picture or graphic representation skill: the skill of translating Mathematical problems into picture or graphic representations; and
- 3. arithmetic symbol representation skill: the skill of translating Mathematical problems into arithmetic formula representations.

Mathematics representation skill is one component of a standard process in Principles and Standards for School Mathematics in addition to the skills of problem-solving, reasoning, communication and connections, with several reasons. According to Adi (2014), (1) fluency in doing the translation between different representations of different types are the basic skills of the students to develop a concept and Mathematical thinking; (2) mathematical ideas are presented through various representations. The teacher will provide an enormous influence on students in learning Mathematics; and (3) students need practice in building their own representation so that they have the skill, good understanding and flexible concept that can be used in solving problem. Adi (2014) also opine that there are four ideas that are used in understanding the concept of representation skill including:

- 1. representation can be seen as an internal abstraction of Mathematical ideas or cognitive schemes constructed by students through experience;
- 2. as a mental reproduction of previous mental state;
- 3. as the grain structure through image, symbol, or emblem; and
- 4. as the knowledge of something that represents something else.

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Mathematical representation skill is very important in helping students to solve problems effectively. Novia and Dian (2018) enumerate some of the importance to include: (i) help students develop concepts, understand concepts and express Mathematical ideas; (ii) facilitate students to more easily clarify Mathematical conditions or problems; (iii) really helps learners to understand Mathematical concepts in the forms of images, symbols and written words; and (iv) the use of correct representations by students will help them transform abstract ideas into the more concrete ones as well as form an understanding of Mathematical concepts.

In the work of Aflich *et al.* (2018) five indicators of the Mathematical representation skills were formulated' they include: 1) use visual representation to solve a problem; 2) present data/information from a representation into diagrams, graphs or tables and solve a problem using written words or texts; 3) develop equations or Mathematical models of the provided representations and solve a problem by involving Mathematical expressions; 4) draws geometric patterns, to write down the steps of solving Mathematical problems with word and solve problems with Mathematical expressions; and 5) create a problem situation based on the provided data or representation. The indicators of Mathematical representation skills according to National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (2014) establish that the learning programme from kindergarten through senior secondary school should enable students to:

- create and use representations to organize, record, and communicate Mathematical ideas;
- 2. select, apply, and translate Mathematical representations to solve problems; and
- 3. use representations to model and interpret physical, social, and Mathematical phenomena

Samsuddin and Retnawati (2018) state that teachers also have an important role to play in ensuring that students gain an understanding of the Mathematical representation skills. They further outline recommendations for teachers to facilitate students' Mathematics learning in respect to Mathematical representation, which are:

- i. teachers should realize that their belief regarding which representation mode students can do, cannot do, and should be able to do may affect instructional plans;
- ii. teachers should recognize which translations are more difficult than others. For instance, students may find translation from symbolic to tabular representation easier than translation from graphical to symbolic translation;
- iii. teachers have to assure that students learn all the representations with the translation, particularly those which are more difficult;
- iv. teachers need to take everything that support students' translation to considerationin the learning process, for instance, teachers' questioning techniques;
- v. teachers can use real world contexts which are familiar to students; and
- vi. teachers can use rich-tasks to engage students.

Such representations skills such as drawings (sketch) skills, diagrams skills, graphical skills and symbolical skills need to be inculcated in the classroom to help students communicate their Mathematical ideas effectively and efficiently.

## 2.2 Theoretical Framework

Despite the fact there are so many educational theorists, this study uses the following theories to back up its review: the behaviourism, cognitivism and constructivism.

# 2.2.1 Behaviourism

In the work of Paul (2019), Behaviourism is based on the idea that knowledge is independent and on the exterior of the learner. In a behaviourist's mind, the learner is a

blank slate that should be provided with the information to be learnt. Through this interaction, new associations are made and thus learning occurs. Learning is achieved when the provided stimulus changes behaviour. A non-educational example of this is the work done by Pavlov. Through his famous "salivating dog experiment, Pavlov showed that a stimulus (in this case ringing a bell every time he fed the dog) caused the dog to eventually start salivating when he heard a bell ring. The dog associated the bell ring with being provided with food so any time a bell was rung the dog started salivating, it had learnt that the noise was a precursor to being fed. In a similar approach to classroom management, the teacher taught the student that if he stands in a specific place in the classroom with his arms folded, they know that he is getting frustrated with the level of noise and they start to remain silent or if he sits cross-legged on his desk, he is about to say something important, supportive and they should listen because it affects them directly (Paul, 2019).

Thadei (2013), highlighted the implication of the behaviourism learning theories to teaching and learning to include:

- i. As environment properly arranged help learning to occur, teachers should prepare the environment that will help learners to learn such as arranging activities that suit environment.
- ii. Teachers also need to help learners make practice of what they have learned. This is important as learning is subject to the rate of occurrence of behaviour. This is as well significant for strengthening the responses.
- iii. Learning should be reinforced. That is, students should be given rewards. Teachers are to reward any desired behaviour in learning. However, to weaken the undesired behaviour learned, teachers should apply punishment.
- iv. In developing the profession of teaching, teachers have to note that developing

professionally has some benefits such as being able to help learners learn. Increasing the knowledge base, being rewarded economically and developing/improving their personal lives.

Hence, behaviourism learning theory involves repeated actions, verbal reinforcement and incentives to take part. It is great for establishing rules, especially for behaviour management. Therefore, this theory relates to this study by emphasizing that students should be engage in practicing and repeating Mathematics activities or exercises so that the pattern of carrying out related Mathematics activities can be mastered by them and increase their Mathematical communication skills.

#### 2.2.2 Cognitivism

Cognitive theories were developed in the early 1900s in Germany from Gestalt psychology by Wolfgang Kohler. In the work of Paul (2019), cognitivism focuses on the idea that students process information they receive rather than just responding to a stimulus, as with behaviourism. There is still a behaviour change evident, but this is in response to thinking and processing information. In cognitivism theory, learning occurs when the student re-organises information, either by finding new explanations or adapting old ones. He further gives the examples of how teachers can include cognitivism in their classroom to include linking concepts together, linking concepts to real-world examples, discussions and problem-solving. Thadei (2013) stated that Cognitivists acknowledge the role of environmental conditions as influences on learning, but teachers' explanations and demonstrations of concepts serve as environmental inputs for students, practice of skills and correct feedback to promote learning. What students do with information, how they attend to, rehearse, transform, code, store, and retrieve is critically important. Hence, cognitivists suggest that learning takes place in the mind as is a result of mental processes on the information received.

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According to Paul (2019), there are some basic ideas to get your head around and some stages to understand this learning theory. The basic ideas are:

- a) Schemas: The building blocks of knowledge.
- b) Adaptation processes: These allow the transition from one stage to another. He called these: Equilibrium, Assimilation and Accommodation.
- c) Stages of Cognitive development: Sensorimotor, Preoperational, Concrete Operational and formal Operational.

Children develop Schemas of knowledge about the world which are the clusters of connected ideas about things in the real world that allow the child to respond accordingly. When the child has developed a working Schema that can explain what he perceives in the world, that Schema is in a state of Equilibrium. When the child uses the schema to deal with a new thing or situation, that Schema is in Assimilation and Accommodation happens when the existing Schema is not up to the job of explaining what is going on and needs to be changed. Once its changed, it returns to Equilibrium and life goes on. Hence, Learning is therefore a constant cycle. Cognitive learning theorists stress the acquisition of knowledge and skills, formation of mental structures and processing of information and beliefs (Chunk, 2012).

Implication of the cognitive theories of learning to the development of teaching by Thadei (2013) are:

- a) Teachers should organise the teaching materials in a way that the concept in them can easily be acquired and processed by learners' mind.
- b) Teachers need to use variety of teaching techniques: This helps them lead students to explore the concepts from different angels.

- c) Observational learning by Albert Bandura suggests that students learn by observing: teachers therefore need to be role models to their students.
- d) Current learning builds upon the previous one: teachers therefore should seek for students' prior knowledge before they launch new concepts.
- e) Teachers need to provide exercises and practices to the learners: this is because students learn best in the course of doing exercises which help them to accommodate the information into the mind.
- f) Courses and topics should be divided into subparts which can easily be understood by students, the small parts should be taught in such a way that they reinforce each other.

Hence, this theory's relation to the present study is that students should put more effort by finding more explanations to what the teacher has taught them in the class, they should relate Mathematics concepts together, relate Mathematics concepts with other concepts and relates Mathematics concepts to real life situation in order to build their Mathematical communication skills thereby increasing their chance of achievement in Mathematics.

## 2.2.3 Constructivism

According to Brau (2020), there are three foundational psychologists of constructivism. They are: Jean Piaget who falls into the radical constructivism aspect, Lev Vygotsky concentrates on the social aspects of learning through experiences and John Dewey straddles the line between the two perspectives and has many ideas that match with each side. He further states that the common ground that united these psychologists under the umbrella of constructivism is that all of them believed that the learning theories (such as behaviourism and humanism) at the time did not adequately represent the actual learning process. Also, their ideas were rooted in experiences in the classroom instead of experiments in a laboratory (compared to behaviourism). Pual (2019) asserts that

constructivism is based on the premise that we construct learning new ideas based on our own prior knowledge and experiences. Thus, students need to have a prior base of knowledge for constructivist approaches to be effective. As students are constructing their own knowledge base, outcomes cannot always be anticipated, consequently, the teacher should check and challenge misconceptions that may have arisen. He further lists examples of constructivism in the classroom to include problem-based learning, research, creative projects and group collaborations.

In another research by Thadei (2013), constructivism is a theory of knowledge with roots in philosophy, and psychology with Vygotsky, Brunner and John Dewey as the founders; they believe that (1) knowledge is not passively received but actively built up by the cognizing subject; (2) the function of cognition is adaptive and serves the organization of the experiential world. He explains that learning involves constructing one's own knowledge from one's own experiences. Also, Constructivist learning is a very personal endeavor, where by internalized concepts, rules, and general principles may consequently be applied in a practical real-world context. Thadei (2013) describes four forms of constructivist relationship between teacher and student as:

- 1. Power on: this is a traditional approach of instruction where the teacher teaches and then allows students to construct new knowledge, post teaching process.
- Power of: this is also a traditional approach of instruction where the teacher ignores learning opportunities in the course of teaching but students are told to take note of them to be explored, post learning process.
- Power for: this is a democratic approach of teaching where the learner is freer to explore physical environment so as to solve some problems and create new knowledge.
- 4. Power with: this is a democratic approach of teaching where learners have high

opportunity in the course of learning.

Thadei (2013) also mentioned the five phases of constructivist teaching scheme in as:

- i. Orientation: focusing learners interest on a particular area for learning
- ii. Elicitation: helping children become aware of their prior knowledge so that the teacher can know the student's range of ideas.
- iii. Restructuring ideas: helping children become aware of an alternative point of view, this goes together with modifying, replacing or extending views.
- iv. Application of new idea: reinforcing the newly constructed idea
- v. Review: reflection on how learner's ideas have changed

Thadei (2013) elaborates the contribution of constructivism theories to teaching and learning to include the following:

- a) Constructivism views each learner as a unique individual with unique needs and complex backgrounds, teacher must help these students to attain their goals;
- b) Uniqueness and complexity of the learner encourages the teacher to utilize it as an integral part of the learning process. Professional development should consider the importance of using learners experience in teaching and learning process;
- c) Learners are challenged within close proximity to their current level of development. By experiencing the successful completion of challenging tasks, learners gain confidence and motivation to embark on more complex challenges, Vygotsky calls it zone of proximal development (ZPD). Teachers should encourage and accept student autonomy and initiative. They should try to use raw data and primary sources, in addition to manipulative, interactive, and physical materials. So that students are put in situations that might challenge their previous conceptions and that will create contradictions that will encourage discussion among them. In our teaching therefore, we need to use some activities which originate from our environment so that learning can be meaningful to students;
- d) Constructivist approach insists that instructors/facilitators must help the learner to get to his or her own understanding of the content. That is, the teacher should encourage students critical thinking and inquiry by asking them thoughtful, open-ended questions, and encourage them to ask each other question so that they can construct their own meaning when learning.

The theory's relation with the present study is that students should be encourage to learn new ideas based on their prior knowledge and experiences, they should be encouraged to think critically about concepts, they should be taught from simple to complex concepts and from known to unknown concepts to enable them understand the contents and retain the previous concepts thereby relating them with the new concepts. By so doing students Mathematical communication skills will improve then increase their performance in Mathematics.

## 2.3 Empirical Studies

# 2.3.1 Empirical studies on the mathematical communication skills and mathematics performance of senior secondary school students

Recent evidence derived from a variety of surveys undertaken by different people using different tests in various parts of the world reveal relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students. Septiana *et al.* (2019) carried out a study on 'Mathematics Communication Skills of Students in Senior High School on Introvert personality in Sukoharjo, Indonesia'. The research used descriptive qualitative method with 20 subjects in the eleventh grade of a national senior high school in Sukoharjo and the data was collected through questionnaires, tests and interviews. The study revealed that students who had an introvert personality type were able to analyze and write information obtained by Mathematical symbols with 90% in the high category; these students easily understood what must be said or changed into mathematical symbols.

On the other hand, students' Mathematical communication skills in the ability to express ideas, graphical, Mathematical situations or algebraic forms of writing had a 24.5% in the low category. These students were not able to change Mathematics equivalents into a graphic image, many of them had difficulty determining the area of completion and were not able to read comprehension of a Mathematical equation, resulting in difficulty with drawing graphic. This study used same instruments, variable and subjects but different in all other mechanism with the present study.

According to the study by Rahmy *et al.* (2019) on 'Mathematics communication skill of students in Junior High School Based on Students' Thinking Style in Indonesia' using descriptive qualitative research. The data was obtained from 32 students of junior high school in Nganjuk region with heterogeneous abilities by using the research instruments of written test, questionnaire, and interview. The findings revealed that students who were with sequential concrete and sequential abstract thinking styles were capable of arranging similar conjectures, making arguments, exploring ideas, formulating generalization. However, they were having difficulty presenting Mathematics in their own language. Meanwhile, students with random concrete and random abstract thinking styles were able to express ideas and formulate generalizations, they were however having difficulties in establishing conjectures. This study used same instruments, variable and subjects but different design from the present study.

Mailis *et al.* (2019) on 'Students' Mathematical Communication Ability through the Brain-Based Learning Approach using Autograph' and descriptive qualitative design. The Mathematical communication skills test and the activity observation were the instruments used to obtain data from Twenty-eight (28) 10th grade students of the high schools in Banda Aceh for the study. The result showed that students' skills in expressing Mathematical ideas in various ways have not met the expectation. This study has Mathematical communication ability and students as the subjects which is same as the present study but different in design and data collection techniques.

Another study by Puspa *et al.* (2019) on the 'Profile of Mathematical Communication Skills Junior High School Students in Problem-Solving in Indonesia'. This research is a qualitative type that is, a research process that is done naturally in accordance with objective condition in the field without any manipulation, where in this case data retrieval is done through student written test, oral test delivery, and in-depth interview. This research used triangulation of time in which the written tests, oral tests, and interviews were carried out twice in different times. The results disclosed that there are some differences in each student; while there were students who were more detailed in doing and remembering things that were taught, there were other students who did things briefly and precisely; so it can be said that each student has different Mathematical communication skills in solving problem. This study has Mathematics communication skills in common but different in every other mechanism.

The work of Septiana *et al.* (2018) 'Mathematical Communication Skills of Senior High School Students based on their Personality Types in Indonesia' used descriptive research design. The data of this research was collected using written test and interview from 34 students of senior high school in Sukoharjo region with heterogeneous abilities and gave an overview that Mathematical communication skill of students having introvert personality can arrange conjecture, make an argument, and formulate generalization definition. However, they had difficulty in understanding a Mathematical presentation. Meanwhile, the students having extrovert personality could explore their ideas, but they had difficulty in revealing the idea or Mathematical paragraph in their language. The similarities between this study and the present study is that they both used survey design and written test but other things such as population, sample and sampling techniques are different.

Ahmad and Andi (2017) on the analysis of Mathematical communication skills of junior high school students of coastal Kolaka Indonesia. The subjects of the study were VIII Coastal Junior High School of Kolaka District in the second semester of the academic year 2016/2017 adopted descriptive method. The data collection technique in this study were test and interview techniques. The finding showed that ability of students are still low based on the their answer sheets which appears that students are having difficulty or are unable to state the situation in Mathematical symbols or difficulty in changing the daily situation in the Mathematical language and that most students are still confused to make an introduction in Mathematical operations as auxiliary variables to facilitate calculation. This study used descriptive survey method, test and students which is the same as the present study but every other thing is different from the present study.

Alamgir *et al.* (2017) carried out a survey on the 'Communication Skills of a Teacher and their Roles in the Development of the Students' Academic Success in Pakistan' using descriptive survey design. The empirical data regarding the role of a teacher's communication skills in students' academic success was obtained from 418 teachers from a sample of 14 universities in Pakistan. The study found that majority of the students opined that they learn well from teachers who have good communication skills or who adopt good communication skills while dealing inside and outside the institution. Effective teaching not only depends on the knowledge base of the teacher but also relates to the method and style of teacher's communication skills. Also, good communication is not only important for a teacher but students also need to have good communication skills. This study had communication skills and descriptive design as similarities with the present study but other approaches are different.

Lomibao *et al.* (2016) on the influence of Mathematical communication on students' Mathematics performance and anxiety in Philippines employed a mixed method of quantitative quasi-experimental control group and descriptive qualitative design. This study used 188 fourth year high school students in Bulua National High School, school year 2013-2014, as the participants of the study. Two intact classes with 94 students were randomly assigned as experimental group and the other two groups with 94 students as control group composed of 47 students in each section. Interviews were also done to verify responses for triangulation. The study revealed that content analysis of the

students' answers on the two-tiered test questions showed that students had improved in terms of achievement score and showed a good grasp of the concept as shown in their answers in the second-tier questions. Also, students gave varied justifications of their answers, which evidently showed that they were able to make connections and had applied previous concepts learned. This study had Mathematics communication skills, descriptive design and students as similarities with the present study but other approaches are different.

The study of Puspita (2016) on the analysis of Mathematical communication skills of students in Mathematics education at the University of Muhammadiyah Jember Indonesia used descriptive qualitative design to show that when expressing mathematical ideas through speech, writing, demonstrating, and describing it visually, students express it clearly and completely but often with some errors. Whereas when they understand, interpret, and evaluate Mathematical ideas, either orally or in writing, or in any other visual form, they did it right, clear, and complete. When using the term, notation, Mathematical structures to present ideas and describe relationships with models or other situations, they used it in full, but not in terms of truth and clarity. On the other hand, when expressing Mathematical ideas orally it is not true and clear. Whereas when they understand, interpret, and evaluate Mathematical ideas, either orally in writing, or in any other visual form, they did it right, clear, and complete. Furthermore, when they used the term, notation, Mathematics structures to present ideas and describe relationships with other situation models, they did not do it correctly, clearly and completely. Mathematical communication skills and students are the only similarities in this study and the present study.

Yaako and Okoro (2019) conducted a research on problem-solving strategy on senior secondary school students' performance and attitude toward Mathematics in Khana Local

Government Area of Rivers State. This study used qausi-experiment with pretest-posttest control group design adopted the 2 x 2 x 2 factorial analysis for variable matching. The sample of 116 SSS II students with two instruments namely Mathematics Performance Test (MPT) and Students Mathematics Attitude Questionnaires (SMAQ) then analyzed the data collected using Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and Kruskal Wallis Statistics. The findings show that there is significant difference among two groups of students when exposed to Problem Solving and Lecture Method, there is no significant difference in performance between male and female student when exposed to problem solving, method also, significant difference exist among the two groups in mean attitude score toward Mathematics when exposed to problem solving, instructional strategy and those taught using lecture methods. This study used different designs and statistical tool of analysis but same instruments, variables and subjects as the present study.

The research of Suharto and Widada ((2018) on the 'Contribution of Mathematical Connection and Mathematical Communication to Problem-Solving Ability of Senior High School Students in Kota Bengkulu, Indonesia'. This was a survey research design conducted in senior high schools throughout the Kota Bengkulu that used sample of 170 students with three research instruments namely problem-solving ability test, Mathematical connection ability test and Mathematical communication test then analyzed the data collected by using Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA). The finding showed that there is a positive direct effect of Mathematical connection skills on problem-solving abilities, positive direct effect of Mathematical connection skills on problem-solving abilities. Also, there is a positive direct effect of Mathematical connection skills on Mathematical connection abilities of the students. This study used different statistical tool of analysis but same design, instruments, variables and subjects as the present study.

Ndiung and Fransiskus (2018) on their study about Mathematics connection ability and students' Mathematics learning achievement at elementary school. This was ex-post facto research design conducted in Watu Weri state elementary school that used proportionate stratified random sampling technique to select 35 students with test and documentation as data collection techniques then analyzed the data by using linear regression. The result showed that there is effect between Mathematics connection ability toward students' Mathematics learning achievement because of the Mathematics inter-dependence between concept and material and other subjects as well for man's everyday life such as reasoning, problem-solving and creativity development. This study used the same sampling techniques to select the its sample subjects and instrument however, different in all other mechanism.

The students' ability from schools National Examination in Mathematics with high category was the best followed by medium and low categories. Meanwhile, most students also have difficulty in expressing ideas and developing logical arguments as revealed by Sumarsih *et al.* (2018) on Profile of Mathematical Reasoning Ability of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students seen from communication ability, basic skills, connection, and logical thinking in Indonesia. This research used mix method of quantitative and qualitative descriptive approaches with a set of multiple choice tests to measure these abilities which involve communication ability, basic skills, connection and logical thinking. A total of 259 respondents were determined by stratified cluster random sampling for collecting data and later analyzed using one-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). This research used same sampling technique, constructs and multiple choice tests which is one of the instruments used in the present study but different approach in all other items.

The findings of Mohamad *et al.*, (2017) on 'Improving the Reasoning Skills of Students to overcome Learning Difficulties in Additional Mathematics' in secondary school in Johor in Malaysia used descriptive qualitative design. The research participants consisted of 30 students who were selected through purposive sampling at a secondary school in Johor. The data was collected using Differentiation Question Reasoning Test (DQRT) based on Marzano's Rubric for Specific Task of Situations (1992) to determine the students' level of reasoning on their achievement in Differentiation, a topic in Additional Mathematics and to analyse the form four students' final year examination results for the same subject at the same school. the findings showed that the proficiency level of students' reasoning skills in the differentiation topic was (40%) for generally weak, (53.33%) for moderate and only 6.67% for good. Therefore, students with moderate and weak performance would need a good reasoning level to improve their performance in Additional Mathematics in the topic, Differentiation. This study used the same construct (reasoning skills), instrument and subjects but differ in all other mechanisms from the present study.

Another study on Understanding the Role of Reasoning Ability in Mathematical Achievement in United Kindom by Caren and Victoria (2015). There were two measures of Mathematical ability, the Woodcock Johnson-III Math fluency test and the Wood-cock Johnson-III calculation test and seventy-four students participated in the study. They revealed that while conditional reasoning performance is correlated with Mathematical ability, it does not predict performance on this task when Mathematical fluency is taken into account. They found that the cognitive reflection task however does predict performance on the calculation task. Also, good performance on the unbelievable conditionals requires a person to recognize the conflict between believability and logic before they can recognize the correct inference. The study had a correlational design and all participants completed the same four measures. This study used the same design and instrument (test) but different instruments from the present study.

From the investigation of Zeny and Bella (2017) on the analysis of Mathematical Representation, Communication and Connection in Trigonometry in Indonesia. This research used qualitative description design and 5 students of class X SMA Pangudi Luhur Yogyakarta as respondents using observation, written test and interviews as instruments of data collection. The data was analysed with technique of data analysis from Miles and Huberman (1984) that is, in the form of data reduction, data presentation and conclusion. The results obtained indicate that most of the students still have problems in representing the problem and in building connections with the materials that have been studied. Also, that the students still need guidance in Mathematical representation and connection through the learning process in order to improve their ability in solving the Mathematics problem, particularly on trigonometry. This research used the same descriptive survey design but with different approach, and has the same instrument yet differences in all other mechanisms.

Novia and Dian (2018) carried out a research on the analysis of Mathematical Representation Skills in Solving Problems of Systems of Linear Equations in Two Variables in Indonesia. The descriptive study with qualitative approach was utilized as the method, a total of 22 grade IX F students of junior high school Tapung were selected as the subject and data was collected through the measuring technique in the form of Mathematical representation test with interview. The results indicate several types of Mathematical representations utilized in system of linear equations in two variables, including visual representation of 77%, symbolic representation of 91%, and verbal representation of 27%. This signifies that the representation skills of the students are still in low category and the students' tendency in solving the problems of system of linear equations. This study used the

same construct (Mathematical representation skills), test instrument and subjects but all other mechanisms are different.

The findings of Aflich *et al.* (2018) on the Mathematical Representation Ability of Senior High School Students titled 'An Evaluation of Students' Mathematical Disposition in Indonesia' used descriptive qualitative design. This study employed a qualitative descriptive method, the subjects of this study were 35 students of 10<sup>th</sup> grade of public senior high school in Padalarang, West Java Indonesia. Questionnaires and test were used as instruments to collect the data and the test results were analyzed using qualitative analysis in accordance with the indicators of Mathematical representation ability and questionnaires' responses were converted into quantitative data. The study showed that almost all the students were able to use visual representation to solve Mathematical problems, create Mathematical models and solve problems by involving Mathematical expressions. Consequently, most of the students could not fulfill two indicators of the Mathematical model based on the situation and data given. This study used same constructs, instruments (test) and subjects but all other things are different from the present research.

The findings of Ani *et al.* (2016) on 'Mathematical Understanding and Representation Ability of Public Junior High School in North Sumatra Indonesia'. The study used developmental research design with cluster sampling techniques using two sets of nontest instrument namely interview guidance and observation for data collection. The data obtained was analysed descriptively based on four aspects included in the interview and aspects of observation as well as data of Mathematical understanding and Mathematical representation test result. They found that conventional approach was still used in all the classes by the students in learning activity; most of the students did not attain minimal mastery achievement, also achievement of the students in Mathematical understanding and representation test is low. This study used the same construct (representation skills) and subjects but all other mechanisms are different from the present study.

Adi (2014) also conducted a research on the, 'Mathematical Representation Ability and Students' Self-Confidence through Realistic Mathematics Approach' in Indonesia. This study used quasi-experimental method with the entire population of the seventh grade students of 50 people using sample saturated/whole of the population of class VII as an experimental class B and class VII A as a control class and analysed the collected data using t-test. They reported that by using realistic Mathematics approach, students were led to a more complex understanding of the learning of Mathematics because they did not always learn Mathematics in the abstract but started from the Mathematical form of concrete that would help to train their Mathematical representation ability. Moreover, in this first realistic Mathematics approach, students were asked to construct their own knowledge about the learning of Mathematics before being guided by the teacher. This is because the realistic Mathematics approach has more advantages than conventional learning which is more teacher-centered. This study used the same construct (representation skills) and subjects but all other mechanisms are different from the present study.

## 2.3.2 Empirical studies on gender and mathematical communication skills

Studies related to Gender and Mathematics Communication Skills include Firdiani *et al.* (2020) on the Gender and Mathematical communication ability in Junior High School in Bandung Indonesia. The research method used was the qualitative research method with 6 male and 6 female students of class VIII with age characteristic between 13-14 years old and have the ability of high, medium and low in general mathematics. Data was

collected by using test and interview. Data analysis used includes data reduction, data collection, and conclusions. The results showed that both male and female students with high ability in general mathematics are able to express situations in the form of pictures or mathematical models, analyse and evaluate mathematical ideas in other forms, but male and female students who have medium and low ability in general mathematics still have difficulty in expressing situations in the form of drawings or mathematical models, analysing and evaluating mathematical ideas in other forms. This study used different design, but same variables, instruments and statistical tool of analysis and subjects as the present study.

Adeneye (2017) on 'Assessing Senior Secondary School Students' Mathematical Proficiency as Related to Gender and Performance in Mathematics in Nigeria' investigated Mathematical proficiency as related to gender and performance in Mathematics among 400 Nigerian senior secondary school students from 10 elitist senior secondary schools in Lagos State using the quantitative research method within the blueprint of descriptive survey design. The data collected was analysed using the descriptive statistics of frequency, percentage, mean, standard deviation and inferential statistics of independent samples t-test, and multiple regression analysis. The result showed that, gender differences in Mathematical proficiency are no longer important and are dissipating even at the subscale level there are subtle gender differences in performance in Mathematics. This study used same descriptive survey design but different approach from the present study.

Mawaddah *et* al. (2018) studied Gender Differences of Mathematical Critical-Thinking Skills of Secondary School Students in Indonesia. The study employed qualitative descriptive survey aimed to describe Mathematical critical-thinking skills of secondary school students in solving Mathematical problems concerning gender. Four students selected from 30 students of Year 9 in a junior high school in Banda Aceh using criticalthinking skills test and interview as research instruments. The results showed that the critical thinking skills of female students were slightly better than that of male students, which implies that there is gender difference in Mathematical critical-thinking skills. This study is related to the present study in using students while all other aspects are different.

The study of Odual (2013) on the relationship between Mathematical ability and achievement in Mathematics among female secondary school students in Bayelsa state adopts correlational survey design. This study investigated the relationship between female senior secondary school students' Mathematical ability and achievement level in Mathematics in five (5) out of eight (8) local government areas of Bayelsa State Nigeria. This study adopted multi-stage sampling technique, two research instruments titled Student Mathematical Ability Test (SMAT) and Mathematical Achievement Test (MAT) were used to collect data from a sample of 121 female students from rural and 141 female senior secondary school students from urban schools which were randomly selected using the simple random sampling method both at the Local Government and at the school level. The study shows that there is a positive relationship between Mathematical ability and achievement in Mathematics and that Mathematical ability has a significant contribution to achievement in Mathematics. The research used the same correlational survey design and students to gather data and same instrument with the present study but are different in other things.

# 2.4 Summary of the Literature Reviewed

This study has been reviewed under the following categories; conceptual frame work, theoretical frame work and empirical study for the sake of emphasis. Under conceptual framework, attempt was made to conceptualize the nature of Mathematics as an excellent vehicle for the development and improvement of a person's intellectual competence in logical reasoning, spatial visualization, analysis and abstract thought. Nature and objectives of senior secondary school Mathematics curriculum were also reviewed in order to guide the conduct of the research. Also, academic performance from different perspectives of numerous authors show performance to be a key component in education.

The study used the following theories to back up its review: the behaviourism theory; which states that learning and behavioural changes are acquired by linking stimuli and response. Cognitivism theory; which believes that learning is internal and a result of a students' processing and organizing new information. Also, the constructivism theory which believes that knowledge is constructed by adapting new information based on previous experience. All these theories were reviewed as they relate to communication skills and students' performance in Mathematics.

The study also reviewed literature on Mathematical Communication skills as those skills that the students must possess in order to communicate Mathematics problems effectively. Such as using Mathematics symbols, terms, notations, diagrams, graphs, tables and pictures, among others. Hence, this research considers the following Mathematical Communication skills; problem-solving skills, reasoning skills, communication skills, connection skills and representation skills in terms of concept of Mathematics performance.

The study reviewed literature that are related to the present study, though most of the studies used different approaches, some used junior secondary schools and even tertiary institutions and were mostly done outside Nigeria and some analysed the Mathematical communication skills of the students based on their personality. To the best of researcher's knowledge, no attention has been given to Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students in relation to Mathematical communication skills in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State. Hence, this prompts the present study to investigate the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and

Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State, Nigeria.

#### **CHAPTER THREE**

## 3.0 RESEARCH MEHODOLOGY

## 3.1 Research design

The study is a descriptive survey research and adopts correlational research design. This is because the researcher intends to search for relationships that exist between the variables. Due to the fact that the variables studied are already present in the students, the study will not in any way attempt to manipulate the variables (Odual, 2013).

## **3.2 Population of the study**

The total population of the study comprised all the year two students of 2020/2021 session of the fiftysix (56) senior secondary schools in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State with the total population of eight thousand one hundred and forty-eight (8148) students, comprising five thousand two hundred and eight (5208) male students and two thousand and nine hundred and forty (2940) female students. The target population of the study consists of all the senior secondary school two (SS 2) students of all the sampled senior secondary schools in Kutigi Educational Zone of Niger State, totaling eight hundred and fiftyeight (858) students; five hundred and sixty-nine (569) male students and two hundred and eighty-nine (289) female students. Details are attached in Appendices B and C.

## **3.3** Sample and sampling technique

Multi-stage sampling technique was adopted; cluster sampling techniques was used to classify the schools into three local government areas, namely Lavun, Mokwa and Edati local government areas. Simple random sampling technique was used to select two (2) secondary schools from each local government area to give six (6) schools. Then, proportional stratified random sampling technique was used to select the sample based on Krecjie and Morgan's (1970) table for determining sample size with the total sample of two hundred and sixty-nine (269) students; one hundred and seventy-nine (179) male students and ninety (90) female students. These techniques were adopted since

it allows one to draw more precise conclusions by ensuring that every subgroup is properly represented in the sample (Shona, 2019). See Appendix D.

#### **3.4** Research instrument

The instrument used for this study was titled "Mathematical Communication Skills Test (MCST)". The items of the instrument (MCST) was an adapted West Africa Examination Council (WAEC) 2019/2020 session questions. It contained twenty-five (25) items, with five (5) items for each construct covering all the Mathematical Communication skills of the students under study. The content of the instrument covers Mathematics syllabus related to number and numeration, algebraic process, geometry, probability and statistics as contained in the Senior Secondary School two (SS 2) Mathematics curriculum. The items of MCST are theory questions that students solved on the answer sheet to show their skills in solving Mathematics problems, see Appendix E. On the scoring of the test items, the marks were awarded based on each item magnitude to give each construct one hundred percent (100%). Mathematics Promotion Examination Scores of students was used as Mathematics performance, since the their questions are set by ministry of Education see Appendix. Also, Mathematical Communication skills of the students were also observed from their answer sheets.

## 3.5 Validity of the research instrument

The instrument was face validated by experts from Science Education Departments of Federal University of Technology Minna, Mathematics Department of FCT College of Education, Zuba and a secondary school Mathematics teacher from Police Secondary School Minna to ensure that all items and words that will confuse the respondents are completely removed from the instruments and content validated to ensure that the content of the study are represented in the instruments. Also, the necessary corrections were made based on the comments and suggestions of these experts. This was done in order to ensure the instruments measure what they set to measure.

## **3.6** Reliability of the research instrument

Test re-test method of reliability was used to determine reliability of instrument (MCST) by administering the test on forty (40) students of the population who were not among the sample students. After one week, the same instrument was re-administered on the same set of students, and 0.82, 0.74, 0.81, 0.70 and 0.71 coefficient of reliability were obtained for the five constructs respectively for MCST using Pearson Product Moment Correlation (PPMC) formula giving 0.76 as the average reliability . These showed that the instrument was reliable. The computation of the reliability test is attached in Appendix F.

# 3.7 Method of data collection

To collect the necessary data for the study, the researcher visited the sampled schools with an introduction letter from Science Education Department of Federal University of Technology Minna, seeking for permission to use students' Promotion Examination Scores of Mathematics and the students of these schools as the subject of the study. After being permitted, Mathematics teachers of the various schools were requested by the researcher to lead and meet with the students as well as assist in administering the research instrument to the students. Then, Mathematical Communication Skills Test (MCST) were distributed to the sampled students of various schools and they were instructed and guided on how to fill them. The answering of MCST were supervised properly and collected immediately after they have answered the test questions in order to avoid damage or missing of the instrument. The data wascollected during the second term of 2020/2021 academic session. Six weeks was used to collect the data from the sampled schools.

# 3.8 Method of data analysis

The scores of items were coded into Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) software in order to analyse the data. Mean and Standard Deviation supported by Scatterplots were used to answered the research questions while Pearson Product Moment Correlational Coefficient was used to test the hypotheses at 0.05 level of significant. Also, the Mathematical communication skills of the students was analyse in form of data reduction and presentation.

#### **CHAPTER FOUR**

# 4.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 4.1 Answer to research questions

The research questions raised were answered using mean and standard deviation supported by Scattered plots.

#### **Research** question one

What is the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational zone of Niger state?

 Table 4.1: Summary of the mean and standard deviation of mathematical

 communication skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	$\overline{x}$ difference
Mathematics communication skills	269	31.11	15.77	
				32.28
Mathematical Performance	269	63.39	12.89	

Table 4.1 shows the Mean score of 31.11 with Standard Deviation of 15.77 for Mathematical communication skills and Mean score of 63.39 with standard deviation of 12.89 for Mathematics performance, this gives the Mean difference of 32.28 between the variables. This therefore, indicates a positive relationship between the variables. The descriptive statistics (Scatterplots) of the two groups is presented in figure 4.1 below.

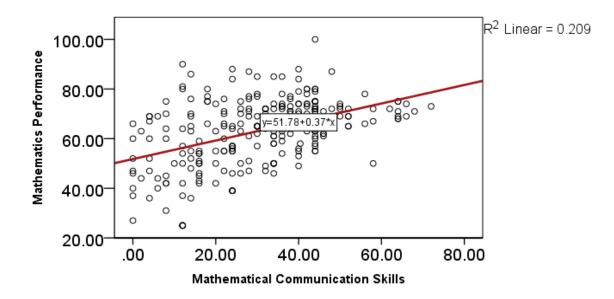


Figure 4.1: Scatterplot relationship between mathematical communication skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Figure 4.1 shows the scatterplot of the relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students, this indicates a positive relationship between the variables. The fitted line shows that as Mathematical communication skills increases, the Mathematics performance of the secondary school students also tends to increases.

# **Research question two**

What is the relationship between problem-solving skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational zone of Niger state?

 Table 4.2: Summary of the mean and standard deviation of problem-solving skills

 and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	$\overline{x}$ difference
Problem-Solving skills	269	37.99	23.60	
				25.40
Mathematical Performance	269	63.39	12.89	

Table 4.2 shows the Mean score of 37.99 with Standard Deviation of 23.60 for problemsolving skills and Mean score of 63.39 with standard deviation of 12.89 for Mathematics performance, this gives the Mean difference of 25.40 between the variables. This indicates a positive relationship between the variables. The descriptive statistics (Scatterplot) of the two groups is presented in Figure 4.2

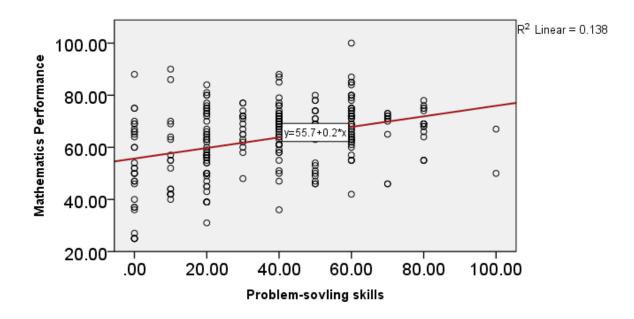


Figure 4.2: Scatterplot relationship between problem-solving skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

For the problem-solving skills and Mathematics performance in figure 4.2 above, the scatterplot displays a positive relationship between the constructs. The trend line indicates that secondary school students Mathematics performance increases as their problem-solving skills increased.

### **Research question three**

What is the relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational zone of Niger state?

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	$\overline{x}$ difference
Proofs and Reasoning skills	269	33.79	26.51	
				29.60
Mathematical Performance	269	63.39	12.89	

 Table 4.3: Summary of the mean and standard deviation of proofs and reasoning

 skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Table 4.3 shows the Mean score of 33.79 with Standard Deviation of 26.51 for proofs and reasoning skills and Mean score of 63.39 with standard deviation of 12.89 for Mathematics performance, this gives the Mean difference of 29.60 between the variables. This therefore, indicates a positive relationship between the variables. The descriptive statistics (Scatterplot) of the two groups is presented in figure 4.3

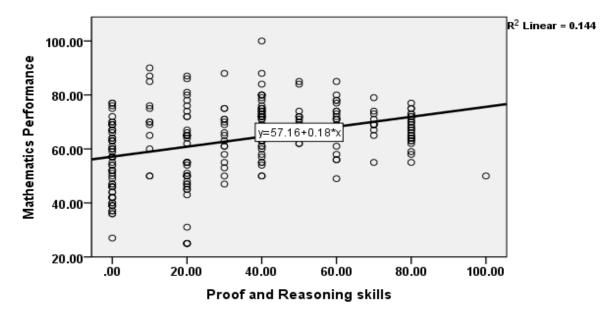


Figure 4.3: Scatterplot relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

From figure 4.3 above, the scatterplot relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students, shows a positive relationship between the variables. The fitted line shows that as proofs and reasoning skills increases, the Mathematics performance of the secondary school students also tends to increases.

### **Research question four**

What is the relationship between connection skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational zone of Niger state?

 Table 4.4: Summary of the mean and standard deviation of connection skills and

 mathematics performance of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	$\overline{x}$ difference
Connection skills	269	20.45	19.86	
				42.94
Mathematical Performance	269	63.39	12.89	

Table 4.4 shows the Mean score of 20.45 with Standard Deviation of 19.86 for connection skills and Mean score of 63.39 with standard deviation of 12.89 for Mathematics performance, this gives the Mean difference of 42.94 between the variables. This therefore, indicates a positive relationship between the variables. The descriptive statistics (Scatterplot) of the two groups is presented in figure 4.4

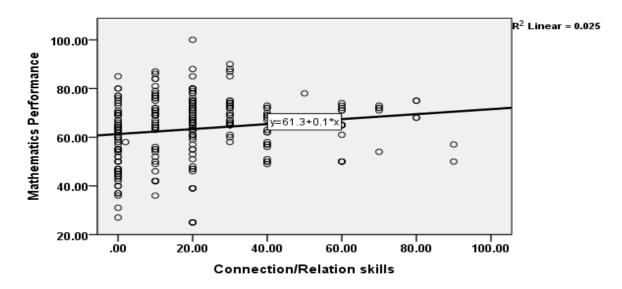


Figure 4.4: Scatterplot relationship between connection skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Figure 4.4 shows the scatterplot of the relationship between connection skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students, this indicates a positive relationship between the variables. The fitted line shows that as connection skills increases, the Mathematics performance of the secondary school students also tends to increases.

# **Research question five**

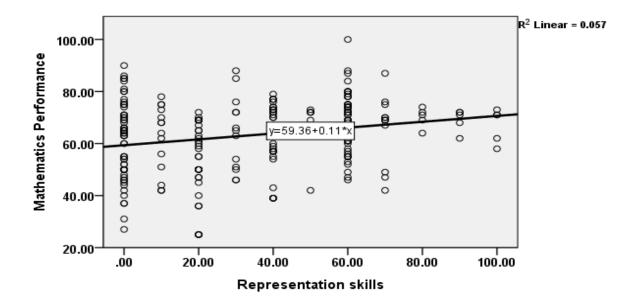
What is the relationship between representation skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational zone of Niger state?

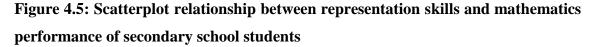
 Table 4.5: Summary of the mean and standard deviation of representation skills and

 mathematics performance of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	$\overline{x}$ difference
Representation skills	269	35.76	27.27	
				27.63
Mathematical Performance	269	63.39	12.89	

Table 4.5 shows the Mean score of 35.76 with Standard Deviation of 27.27 for representation skills and Mean score of 63.39 with standard deviation of 12.89 for Mathematics performance, this gives the Mean difference of 27.63 between the variables. This therefore, indicates a positive relationship between the variables. The descriptive statistics (Scatterplot) of the two groups is presented in figure 4.5





For the representation skills and Mathematics performance in figure 4.5 above, the scatterplot displays a positive relationship between the constructs. The trend line indicates that secondary school students Mathematics performance increases as their representation skills increased.

#### **Research question six**

What is the relationship between gender and Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students in Kutigi Educational zone of Niger state?

 Table 4.6: Summary of the mean and standard deviation of gender and

 mathematical communication skills of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	$\overline{x}$ difference
Gender	269	1.31	0.46	
				29.80
Mathematics communication skills	269	31.11	15.77	

Table 4.6 shows the Mean score of 1.31 with Standard Deviation of 0.46 for gender and Mean score of 31.11 with standard deviation of 15.77 for Mathematics communication

skills, this gives the Mean difference of 29.80 between the variables. This therefore, indicates a positive relationship between the variables. The descriptive statistics (Scatterplot) of the two groups is presented in figure 4.6

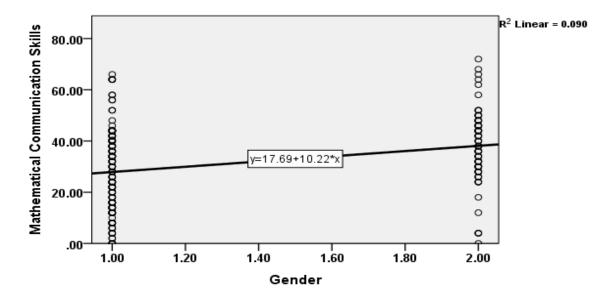


Figure 4.6: Scatterplot relationship between gender and mathematical communication skills of secondary school students

Figure 4.6 above is a scatterplot of relationship between gender and Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students, it shows a positive relationship between the Mathematical communication skills and gender. The fitted line shows that there is an increase once you move from the male to female and increasing the skills.

# 4.2 Testing null hypotheses

**Hypothesis one (Ho1):** There is no significant relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	r-cal	<b>p</b> -value
MCS	269	31.11	15.77		
				0.46	0.00
MP	269	63.39	12.89		

 Table 4.7: Summary of Pearson product moment correlation between mathematical

 communication skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Table 4.7 shows the Mean score of 31.11 with standard deviation of 15.77 for Mathematical communication skills and Mean score of 63.39 with Standard Deviation of 12.89 for Mathematics performance, also r is 0.46. Therefore, the null hypothesis one  $(H_{O1})$  was rejected because p-value of 0.00 is less than 0.05 alpha level. Hence, there was moderately positive relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students.

**Hypothesis two (Ho2)**: There is no significant relationship between problem-solving skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students

 Table 4.8: Summary of Pearson product moment correlation between problem 

 solving skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	<b>r</b> -cal	<b>p</b> -value
PSS	269	37.99	23.60		
				0.37	0.00
MP	269	63.39	12.89		

Table 4.8 above shows that the Mean score of Problem-Solving skills is 37.99 with Standard Deviation of 23.60 and Mean score of Mathematics performance was 63.39 with Standard Deviation of 12.89, also r is 0.37. Hence, the null hypothesis two ( $H_{02}$ ) rejected since p-value of 0.00 < 0.05 alpha level. This shows that, there exists moderately positive

relationship between problem-solving skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students.

**Hypothesis three** (Ho3): There is no significant the relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students

 Table 4.9: Summary of Pearson product moment correlation between proofs and

 reasoning skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	<b>r</b> -cal	<b>p</b> -value
PRS	269	33.79	26.51		
				0.38	0.00
MP	269	63.39	12.89		

From table 4.9 above, the Mean score of proofs and reasoning skills is 33.79 with Standard Deviation of 26.51 and Mean score of Mathematics performance is 63.39 with Standard Deviation of 12.89, also r is 0.38. Hence, the null hypothesis three ( $H_{O3}$ ) rejected since p-value of 0.00 < 0.05 alpha level. This indicates that, there was moderately positive relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students.

**Hypothesis four** (**H**<sub>04</sub>): There is no significant relationship between connection skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students

Table 4.10: Summary of Pearson product moment correlation between connectionskills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	<b>r</b> -cal	<b>p</b> -value
CS	269	20.45	19.86		
				0.16	0.01
MP	269	63.39	12.89		

Table 4.10 shows the Mean score of 20.45 with standard deviation of 19.86 for connection skills and Mean score of 63.39 with Standard Deviation of 12.89 for Mathematics

performance, also r is 0.16. Therefore, the null hypothesis four  $(H_{O4})$  was rejected because p-value of 0.01 is less than 0.05 alpha level. Hence, there exists positive weak relationship between Connection skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students.

**Hypothesis five** (Hos): There is no significant relationship between representation skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students

Table 4.11: Summary of Pearson product moment correlation betweenrepresentation skills and mathematics performance of secondary school students

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	r-cal	<b>p</b> -value
RS	269	35.76	27.27		
				0.24	0.00
MP	269	63.39	12.89		

From table 4.11, the Mean score of representation skills is 35.76 with Standard Deviation of 27.27 and Mean score of Mathematics performance is 63.39 with Standard Deviation of 12.89, also r is 0.24. Hence, the null hypothesis five (Ho<sub>5</sub>) is rejected since p-value of 0.00 < 0.05 alpha level. This shows that, there exists positive weak relationship between Representation skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students.

**Hypothesis six** (Ho<sub>6</sub>): There is no significant relationship between Gender and Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students.

Variables	Ν	$\overline{x}$	SD	<b>r</b> pb-cal	<b>p</b> -value
Gender	269	1.31	0.46		
				0.30	0.00
MCS	269	31.11	15.77		

Table 4.12: Summary of Point-Biserial correlation between gender andmathematical communication skills of secondary school students

Table 4.12 shows the Mean score of 1.31 with standard deviation of 0.46 for Gender and Mean score of 31.11 with Standard Deviation of 15.77 for Mathematical communication skills, also  $r_{pb}$  is 0.30. Therefore, the null hypothesis four (H<sub>04</sub>) was rejected because p-value of 0.00 is less than 0.05 alpha level. This indicates that, there was weak positive relationship between Gender and Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students.

### 4.3 Data reduction

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This student understands the underlying logical rules and can recall formula but not able to solve for correct answer.

This student was able to relate mathematics concepts with each other but unable to solve most of the problems correctly.

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This student was able to transform the test scores into table yet unable to solve to get correct answer.

### 4.4 Summary of findings

The summary of the major findings from this study were:

- 1. There was moderately positive relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students;
- There exists moderately positive relationship between problem-solving skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students;
- There was moderately positive relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students;
- 4. There was positive weak relationship between Connection skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students;
- 5. There exists positive weak relationship between Representation skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students;
- 6. There was positive weak relationship between Gender and Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students.

## 4.5 Discussion of findings

The results of this study were discussed according to the presented findings.

First finding show that there was moderately positive relationship between Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students. This is due to the fact that some students were unable to solve the Mathematics problem given to them, unable to use Mathematical operational signs, terms, notations correctly and express Mathematical expressions accurately as shown from their answer sheets. Hence, this indicates clearly that Mathematical communication skills is a major contributor to Mathematics performance of secondary school students. This supports the findings of

Mailis *et al.* (2019) who showed that students' skills in expressing Mathematical ideas in various ways have not met the expectation. The result is also in line with Septiana *et al.* (2018) whose study revealed that some students could not express their ideas on graph or reveal a Mathematical sentence in their languages. In contrary to this study, Lomibao *et al.* (2016) revealed that students had improved in terms of achievement score and showed a good grasp of the concept as shown in their answers in the second-tier questions and that students gave varied justifications of their answers, which evidently showed that they were able to make connections and had applied previous concepts learned.

Second finding revealed that there exists moderately positive relationship between problem-solving skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students. It is revealed from students' answer sheets that some can analyse facts and put them in systematic order, evaluate, simplify and easily solve Mathematics problems while many of them cannot do so. This finding is in agreement with work of Puspa *et al.* (2019) who disclosed that while there were students who were more detailed in doing and remembering things that were taught, there were other students who did things briefly and precisely; so it can be said that each student has different Mathematical communication skills in solving problem. This study also agreed with the findings of Suharto and Widada (2019) who found that there is a positive direct effect of Mathematical communication skills on problem-solving abilities

Third finding shows that there was moderately positive relationship between proofs and reasoning skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students. From the students' answer sheets, it can be deduced that students do not understand the underlying logical rules, cannot recall formula quickly also not able to overcome generalization and pattern in solving Mathematics problem. This supports the work of Rahmy *et al.* (2019) who revealed that students who were with sequential concrete and

sequential abstract thinking styles were capable of arranging similar conjectures, making arguments, exploring ideas and formulating generalizations. However, they were having difficulty presenting Mathematics in their own language. Meanwhile, students with random concrete and random abstract thinking styles were able to express ideas and formulate generalizations, they were however having difficulties in establishing conjectures. The finding is in line with the study of Mohamad *et al.* (2017) which showed that the proficiency level of students' reasoning skills in the differentiation topic was (40%) for generally weak, (53.33%) for moderate and only 6.67% for good. Therefore, students with moderate and weak performance would need a good reasoning level to improve their performance in Mathematics.

From the fourth finding, it shows that there was positive weak relationship between connection skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students. This is because most of the students were having difficulty in relating Mathematics concept with each other and analyzing real life situation using Mathematical ideas as shown from their answer sheets. This supports the findings of Ndiung and Fransiskus (2018) who found that there is effect between Mathematics connection ability toward students' Mathematics learning achievement because of the Mathematics inter-dependence between concept and material and other subjects as well for man's everyday life such as reasoning, problem-solving and creativity development.

The fifth finding revealed that there exists positive weak relationship between representation skills and Mathematics performance of senior secondary school students. It has shown from the students' answer sheets that while there were students who were able to represent information on tables to give answers, there were others who were not able to use Mathematics diagrams to represent mathematics concepts and transform test scores into table before solving to get correct answer. This is in agreement with the findings of Novia and Dian (2018) who found that the representation skills of the students are still in low category and the students' tendency in solving the problems of system of linear equations in two variables is to use the symbolic representation. This is also in line with the findings of Zeny and Bella (2017) who discovered that most of the students still have problems of representing the problem and in building connections with the materials that have been studied. Also, that the students still need guidance in Mathematical representation and connection through the learning process in order to improve their ability in solving the Mathematics problem.

The last finding disclosed that there was positive weak relationship between Gender and Mathematical communication skills of secondary school students. It is indicated by the fitted line on the scatterplot that mathematical communications skills of female students is higher than that of male students. This is in line with the study of Mawaddah *et* al. (2018) which showed that the critical thinking skills of female students were slightly better than that of male students, which implies that there is gender difference in Mathematical critical-thinking skills. This study contradicts the study of Yaako and Okoro (2019) who found that there is no significant difference in performance between gender of student when exposed to problem solving method.

#### **CHAPTER FIVE**

# 5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 5.1 Conclusions

Based on the findings, the study concludes that;

The five Mathematical Communication skills under studied; problem-solving skills, proofs and reasoning skills, communication skills, connection skills and representation skills have positive relationship on the Mathematics performance of the secondary school students. Hence, as Mathematical Communication Skills increases the mathematics performance of the secondary school students also increases.

Also, there was positive relationship between Gender and Mathematical Communication Skills of secondary school students. However, it shows that Mathematical Communication Skills of the female students was higher than that of the male students.

# 5.2 Recommendations

This study recommends the following based on its findings of the study

- Students should develop and maintain more interest and confidence in Mathematics learning in secondary schools
- Students should be encouraged to be curious when encountering any problem in Mathematics. Also, Individual differences in students' skills and background should be taken into consideration by teachers
- Mathematics teachers should adopt a good measure to strengthen Mathematical communication skills during teaching and learning process to enhance students' performance in Mathematics
- 4. Government should also improve the teachers' welfare so as to motivate and enable them discharge their functions effectively and efficiently

- 5. There should be constant seminars, workshops and conferences for Mathematics teachers in secondary schools to update them in new skills and innovations and hence, improve their quality of instructional delivery
- 6. Suitable instructional materials should be designed and developed or improvised to facilitate Mathematics teaching and learning in secondary schools

# 5.3 Contribution to knowledge

The results of this study have greatly contributed to the body of knowledge in the following ways:

- The study has provided knowledge on the relationship between the five Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students to be positive;
- It has provided that female secondary school students' Mathematical Communication Skills were higher than that of the male students; and
- It has also contributed to existing literatures and provided a platform for researchers on relationship between the five Mathematical communication skills and Mathematics performance of secondary school students.

# 5.4 Suggestions for further studies

Future researchers can also find out:

- 1. the relationship between Mathematical communication skills, interest, attitude and mathematics performance of secondary school students;
- 2. related study can be conducted among primary school students;
- 3. similar study should be conducted in other parts of the country; and
- 4. similar study should also be conducted in other field of studies.

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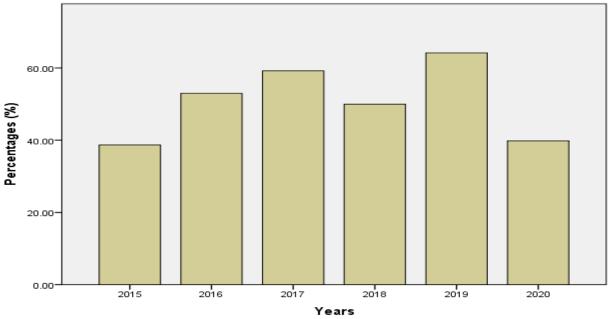
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# **APPENDIX A**

38.68
52.97
59.22
49.98
64.18
39.82

WAEC percentage results of students who obtained credit and above in Mathematics





Source: WAEC Head of National Office report, 2015 - 2020

# **APPENDIX B**

	S/No	Name of Schools	Num	Number of Stude	
			Male	Female	Total
N	AOKWA	LOCAL GOVERNMENT			
1	Day Sec	condary School Kudu	138	81	219
2	Govern	nent Secondary School Bokani	176	223	399
3	Govern	nent Secondary School Kpaki	105	33	138
4	Day Sec	condary School Kpege-Mokwa	310	114	424
5	Govern	nent Secondary School Gbara	324	67	391
6	Hakimi	Aliyu Day Secondary School Mokwa	368	190	558
7	Mungo	Park Secondary School Jebba North	93	38	131
8	Day Sec	condary School Wuya-Kede	132	30	162
9	Day Sec	condary School Rabba	75	50	125
10	Day Sec	condary School Muwo	34	09	43
11	Govern	nent Girls Secondary School Mokwa	-	150	150
12	College	of Arts and Islamic Study Mokwa	53	41	94
13	Day Sec	condary School Takuma	57	38	95
14	Govern	nent Day Science College Ja'agi	53	20	73
15	Governi	nent Science College Mokwa	177	70	247
16	Day Sec	condary School Dumi	140	47	187
17	Govern	nent Science and Vocational College Jebba	North 68	37	105
18	Day Sec	condary School Muregi	69	38	107
19	Women	Day College Mokwa	00	33	33
	LAVU	N LOCAL GOVERNMENT			
20	Governi	nent Science College Doko	00	00	00
21	Army D	ay Secondary School Bida	150	103	253
22	Day Sec	condary School Gaba	168	26	194
23	Day Sec	condary School Dabban	180	200	380
24	Day Sec	condary School Kutigi	301	70	371
25	Governi	nent Senior Secondary School Jima	200	55	255
26	Day Sec	condary School Batati	120	50	170
27	Women	Day College Kutigi	00	129	129
28	Day Sec	condary School Busu	99	86	185
29	Day Sec	condary School Jipan	68	22	90
30	-	condary School Mambe	17	06	23
31	-	condary School Sosa	00	00	00
32	•	condary School Yeti	00	00	00
33	•	condary School Panti	63	32	95

# Table showing the distribution of the Population of the study

34	Day Secondary School Lanle	23	53	76
35	Day Secondary School Egbako	00	00	00
36	Idris Legbo Science College Kutigi	174	00	174
37	Shaba Mahmud CAIS Shabafu	98	47	145
38	College of Art and Islamic Studies Santali	38	04	42
39	A. A. Kure CAIS Ndaloke	77	27	104
40	Com. Tech. & Comm. College Vunchi	77	77	154
41	Day Secondary School Charati	00	00	00
42	Day Secondary School Eyagi Sodangi	00	00	00
E	EDATI LOCAL GOVERNMENT			
43	Day Secondary School Enagi	79	30	109
44	Day Secondary School Sakpe	37	28	65
45	Day Secondary School Gonagi	260	223	483
46	Day Secondary School Gbodoti	80	53	133
47	Day Secondary School Gbangban	176	32	208
48	Day Secondary School Etsu Tasha	100	60	160
49	Day Secondary School Katamba Bologi	45	55	100
50	Government Day Secondary School Diko-Enagi	34	24	58
51	Day Secondary School Edati Bafo	101	66	167
52	Day Secondary School Rokota	26	07	33
53	College of Art and Islamic Studies Enagi	45	66	111
54	Day Secondary School Emigi Kwale	00	00	00
55	Day Secondary School Lenfa Bororo	00	00	00
56	Day Secondary School Fazhi	00	00	00
ſ	Total	5208	2940	8148

Source: Ministry of Education Minna, Niger State 2021.

# APPENDIX C

S/No	Name of Schools	Number of Students		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Government Day Secondary School Kudu	131	17	148
2	Hakimi Aliyu Secondary School Mokwa	140	47	187
3	College of Art and Islamic Studies Enagi	45	66	111
4	Day Secondary School Enagi	79	30	109
5	Idris Legbo Science College Kutigi	174	00	174
6	Women Day College Kutigi	00	129	129
	Total	569	289	858

# Table showing the distribution of the target population of the study

Source: Ministry of Education Minna, Niger State 2021.

# **APPENDIX D**

S/No	Name of Schools	Number of Students		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Government Day Secondary School Kudu	41	05	46
2	Hakimi Aliyu Secondary School Mokwa	44	15	59
3	College of Art and Islamic Studies Enagi	14	21	35
4	Day Secondary School Enagi	25	09	34
5	Idris Legbo Science College Kutigi	55	00	55
6	Women Day College Kutigi	00	40	40
Total		179	90	269

# Table showing the distribution of the sample of the study

Source: Ministry of Education Minna, Niger State 2021.

### **APPENDIX E**

# MATHEMATICAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS TEST (MCST) FOR SS TWO (2)

Dear Respondent,

This test is designed to find relationship between Mathematical Communication Skills and Mathematics Performance of Senior Secondary School Students. The test is purely for academic research purposes hence, any information supplied will be treated as strictly confidential. Your co-operation is highly appreciated, please complete the following.

# SECTION A

Sex: Male [] Female []

School Type: All Boys [] All Girls [] Co-Education []

### SECTION B

Please answer all questions.

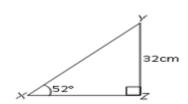
# **Problem solving skills**

- 1. Express 0.003597 correct to three significant figures.
- 2. Evaluate  $(0.064)^{-1/3}$ .
- 3. If T = {prime numbers} and M = {odd numbers} are subsets of  $\mu = \{x : 0 \le x \le 10,$ and x is an integer}, find (T<sup>I</sup> n M<sup>I</sup>).
- 4. Evaluate  $\frac{\log_3 9 \log_2 8}{\log_3 9}$
- 5. The fourth term of an Arithmetic Progression (A. P.) is 37 and the first term is -20. Find the common difference?

#### **Reasoning and proof skills**

- 6. The total surface area of a solid cylinder is 165 cm<sup>2</sup>. If the base diameter is 7 cm, calculate the height. [Take  $\pi = 22/7$ ].
- 7. The interior angles of a polygon are  $3x^{0}$ ,  $2x^{0}$ ,  $4x^{0}$ ,  $3x^{0}$  and  $6x^{0}$ . Find size of the smallest angle of the polygon.

- 8. The foot of a ladder is 6 m from the base of an electric pole. The top of the ladder rest against the pole at a point 8 m above the ground. How long is the ladder?
- 9. If  $\tan x = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $0 < x < 90^{\circ}$ , evaluate  $\frac{\cos x}{2\sin x}$



10. In  $\Delta XYZ$  above, |YZ| = 32cm,  $\langle YXZ = 52^{\circ}$  and  $XYZ = 90^{\circ}$ . Find correct to nearest centimetre, |XZ|.

# **Communication skills**

- 11. Solve  $\frac{y+1}{2} \frac{2y-1}{3} = 4$ .
- 12. Solve  $4x^2 16x + 15 = 0$
- 13. If  $2^a = \sqrt{64}$  and  $\frac{b}{a} = 3$ , evaluate  $a^2 + b^2$ .
- 14. Make b the subject of the relation  $lb = \frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$ .
- 15. Simplify:  $\frac{X^2 5X 14}{X^2 9X + 14}$

### **Connection skills**

- 16. H varies directly as p and inversely as the square of y. If H = 1, p = 8 and y = 2, find H in term of p and y.
- 17. Find the equations of a straight line passing through the point (1, -5) and having gradient of  $\frac{3}{4}$ .
- 18. Bala sold an article for # 6,900.00 and made a profit of 15%. Calculate his percentage profit if he sold it for # 6,600.00.
- 19. If 3p = 4q and 9p = 8q 12, find the value of pq.
- 20. Eric sold his house through an agent who charged 8% commission on the selling price. If Eric received \$ 117,760.00 after the sale, what was the selling price of the house?

#### **Representation skills**

- 21. A box contains 2 white and 3 blue identical balls. If two balls are picked at random from the box, one after the other with replacement, what is the probability that they are of different colours?
- 22. calculate the variance of 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9

The follow	wing sco	ores are	obtaine	d by stu	idents ir	n a test:	8	18	10	14
	18	11	13	14	13	17	15	8	16	13

Use this to answer questions 23 to 25.

- 23. Find the mode of the distribution.
- 24. What is the median score?
- 25. How many students scored above the mean score?

#### **ANSWERS TO MCST**

1. 0.003597 = 0.00360 to 3 significant figures

2. 
$$(0.064)^{-1/3} = (\frac{64}{100})^{-1/3} = \frac{1}{(\frac{64}{100})^{1/3}}$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{(\frac{4^3}{10^3})^{1/3}} = \frac{1}{(\frac{4}{10})^{3/3}} = \frac{1}{(\frac{4}{10})} = \frac{10}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$ 

$$\mu = \{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10\} \qquad T = \{2,3,5,7\} \qquad M = \{1,3,5,7,9\} \qquad T' = \{1,4,6,8,9,10\} \qquad M' = \{2,4,6,8,10\} \qquad T' \cap M' = \{4,6,8,10\} \qquad D' \cap M' = \{4,6,8,10\} \ D' \cap M'$$

4. First, simplify 
$$\log_3 9 = \log_3 3^2 = 2 \log_3 3$$
 since,  $\log_a b = \frac{\log_{10} b}{\log_{10} a}$   
similarly,  $\log_a a = \frac{\log_{10} a}{\log_{10} a} = 1$  Therefore,  $\log_3 3 = \frac{\log_{10} 3}{\log_{10} 3} = 1$  then,  $2 \log_3 3 = 2(1)$   
= 2

$$\log_2 8 = \log_2 2^3 = 3 \log_2 2 = 3(1) = 3$$
 hence,  $\frac{\log_3 9 - \log_2 8}{\log_3 9} = \frac{2-3}{2} = \frac{-1}{2}$ 

5. The nth term of an A.P is given by: Tn = a + (n - 1)d; a = -20, n = 4 (4th term), Tn = 37

Therefore, 37 = -20 + (4 - 1)d

37 + 20 = 3d

3d = 57

$$d = \frac{57}{3}$$

d = 19

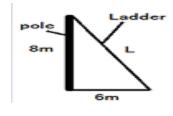
6. Area of a cylinder (A) =  $2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2$ ; A =  $2\pi r(r + h)$  ------ eqn(1) But A =  $165cm^2$ ,  $r = radius = \frac{diameter}{2} = \frac{7}{2} = 3.5,$ 

h = height from eqn(1), h =  $\frac{A}{2\pi r}$  - r ----eqn(2) Substituting the values into equation(2), h =  $\frac{165}{2(\frac{22}{7} \times 3.5)}$  - 3.5 = 4 then, h = 4cm

7. The sum of the nth side of an interior angle of a polygon, p is given by:

P = (n - 2) x 180 For 5-sided figure, the sum of the interior angle p =  $(5 - 2) \times 180^\circ = 540^\circ$  $3x^\circ + 2x^\circ + 4x^\circ + 3x^\circ + 6x^\circ = 540^\circ$  $18x^\circ = 540^\circ$ x = 540/18 = 30But, the smallest angle is  $2x^\circ$ 

therefore =  $2(30^\circ) = 60^\circ$ 



8.

The diagram above is a right angle triangle, therefore Pythagoras theorem can be used to find the length, L of the ladder. From Pythagoras theorem, hypotenus<sup>2</sup> =  $opposite^{2} + adjacent^{2}$ ; hypotenuse = L, opposite = 8m adjacent = 6m therefore, Length of the ladder,

$$L^2 = 8^2 + 6^2 \rightarrow L = \sqrt{100} = 10m$$

9. 
$$\tan(x) = \frac{3}{4}$$
, and  $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} = \frac{3}{4}$   
then,  $\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} = \frac{4}{3}$   
therefore  $\frac{\cos(x)}{2\sin(x)} = \frac{4}{2\times 3} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$ 

10. From trigonometry,

tan(x) = opposite/adjacent; opposite = 32cm, adjacent = |XZ| and  $x = 52^{\circ}$ . Then,  $tan(52) = \frac{32}{|XZ|}$  therefore,  $|XZ| = \frac{32}{tan(52)|} = \frac{32}{1.28} = 25$ cm

11.  $\frac{y+1}{2} - \frac{2y-1}{3} = 4$  Find the LCM of the denominator ( that is, 2 and 3 which is 6).

$$\frac{6(y+1)}{2} - \frac{(2y-1)}{3} = 24$$
  

$$3(y+1) - 2(2y-1) = 24$$
  

$$3y + 3 - 4y + 2 = 24$$
  

$$3y - 4y + 3 + 2 = 24$$
  

$$-y + 5 = 24$$
 Subtract 5 from both sides  

$$-y = 24 - 5$$
  

$$-y = 19$$
 Multiply both sides by -1,  

$$y = -19$$

12. From factorization method of solving quadratic equation:

$$4x^{2} - 16x + 15 = 0$$

$$4x^{2} - 10x - 6x + 15 = 0$$

$$2x (2x - 5) - 3(2x - 5) = 0$$

$$(2x - 3) (2x - 5) = 0$$

$$2x - 3 = 0 \text{ or } 2x - 5 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x = 1\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 2\frac{1}{2}$$

13.  $2^a = \sqrt{64}$ 

 $2^{a} = 8$  From indices,  $8 = 2^{3}$ Therefore,  $2^{a} = 2^{3}$  base are equal, so power is equal. a = 3. From the question  $\frac{b}{a} = 3 \rightarrow b = 3a$  $b = 3(3) \rightarrow b = 9$ . Therefore,  $a^{2} + b^{2} = 3^{2} + 9^{2} = 9 + 81 = 90$ 

14.  $lb = \frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$ . multiply both sides by 2 2lb = (a + b)h, open up the bracket on the right hand side with h

2lb = ah + bh, subtract bh from both sides 2lb - bh = ah, factorising out b, b(2l-h) = ah, divide both sides by (2l - h) $b = \frac{ah}{2l-h}$  15. From the methods of solving quadratic equation (I will be using factorisation method because it is easier and faster but it does not work all the time)

$$\frac{X^2 - 5X - 14}{X^2 - 9X + 14}$$

$$X^2 - 5X - 14 = X^2 - 7x + 2x - 14 = x (x - 7) + 2(x - 7) = (x - 7) (x + 2)$$

$$X^2 - 9x + 14 = X^2 - 7x - 2x + 14 = x (x - 7) - 2(x - 7) = (x - 7) (x - 2)$$
Therefore,
$$\frac{X^2 - 5X - 14}{X^2 - 9X + 14} = \frac{(x - 7)(x + 2)}{(x - 7)(x - 2)} = \frac{(x + 2)}{(x - 2)}$$

16. H  $\propto \frac{p}{y^2}$ ; H =  $\frac{kp}{y^2}$  (k is the proportionality constant), if H = 1, P = 8, y = 2

then 
$$1 = \frac{k \times 8}{2^2} \rightarrow 1 = \frac{8k}{4} \rightarrow 1 = 2k \rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2}$$
 Substituting  $k = \frac{1}{2}$  in  $H = \frac{kp}{y^2}$  yield  $H = \frac{p}{2^2}$ 

17. From the point-slope form of straight line equation, y -  $y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ ,  $m = \frac{3}{4}$ ,

$$y_1 = -5, x_1 = 1$$
. Then,  $y - (-5) = \frac{3}{4}(x - 1)$   
 $y + 5 = \frac{3x}{4} - \frac{3}{4}$ ; multiply through by 4  
 $4y + 20 = 3x - 3$  rearrange  
 $3x - 4y - 3 - 20 = 0$  hence,  $3x - 4y - 23 = 0$ 

18. To calculate the percentage profit at N6,600, we need to first calculate the cost price.

This can be calculated at N6,900 and 15% profit percentage.

Percentage profit=  $\frac{\text{selling price} - \text{cost price}}{\text{cost price}}$ ; percentage profit at N6,900 =15%,

selling price = N6,900 cost price (cp) = ?

Then,  $\frac{15}{100} = \frac{6900 - CP}{CP}$  Cross multiply 0.15cp = 6900 - cp collecting like terms 0.15cp + cp =  $6,900 \rightarrow 1.15$ cp = 6,900

$$cp = \frac{6900}{1.15} = 6,000$$
. Therefore, the cost price = N6,000

Percentage profit at N6,600 =  $\frac{6600-6000}{6000}$  = 0.1  $\rightarrow$  0.1 x 100 (we are multiplying by 100 since we want the answer as percentage) = 10%

19. 3p = 4q --- equation (1),

9p = 8q - 12 -----equation (2) from equation(1),  $p = \frac{4q}{3}$ ------ equation(3) Substituting equation(3) into equation(2),

$$9(\frac{4q}{3}) = 8q - 12 \rightarrow \frac{36q}{3} = 8q - 12$$

12q = 8q - 12 $12q - 8q = -12 \rightarrow 4q = -12 \rightarrow q = -3$ 

Now, we substitute q = -3 into equation(3) we have  $p = \frac{4(-3)}{3} = -4$  Therefore pq = -3 x -4 = 12

20. Selling price = Price received by Eric + Agent's commission

Price received by Eric = \$117, 760.00. Agent's commission = 8% of selling price

selling price is unknown, so let's call it x

Since we know that the agent collected 8% of the selling price, the agent's commission will simply be  $\frac{8}{100} \times X = \frac{8X}{100}$ . Then selling price (x) = 117, 760.00 +  $\frac{8X}{100}$ x -  $\frac{8X}{100}$  = 117, 760.00. Multiply through by 100: 100x - 8x = 11, 776, 000 92x = 11, 776, 000  $\rightarrow$  x =  $\frac{11,776,000}{92}$ 

= 128, 000. Therefore, the selling price of the house is 128,000

21. Probability of picking a white ball = Pr(W) and Probability of picking a blue ball = Pr(B) Probability of picking a white and a blue ball (picking white ball first) = Pr(WB)
Probability of picking a blue and a white ball (picking blue ball first) = Pr(BW)

$$Pr(W) = \frac{2}{5}, Pr(B) = \frac{3}{5}$$
then  $Pr(WB) = Pr(W) \times Pr(B) = \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{6}{25}$ .
$$Pr(BW) = Pr(B) \times Pr(W) = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{6}{25}$$
. Then,  $Pr(WB) + Pr(BW) = \frac{6}{25} + \frac{6}{25} = \frac{12}{25}$ 
22. Variance =  $\frac{\Sigma |(x - x')|^2}{n}$  where x represent each term, x' is the mean, n is the number of

terms and  $\parallel$  represent absolute value (ignoring negative sign). Then, n = 5

mean, x' = 
$$\frac{\Sigma x}{n} = \frac{2+4+7+8+9}{5} = \frac{30}{5} = 6$$

variance

$$=\frac{|2-6|^2+|4-6|^2+|7-6|^2+|8-6|^2+|9-6|^2}{5}=\frac{|-4|^2+|-2|^2+|1|^2+|2|^2+|3|^2}{5}$$

since we are ignoring negative sign,

$$=\frac{4^2+2^2+1^2+2^2+3^2}{5}=\frac{16+4+1+4+9}{5}=\frac{34}{6}=6.8$$

Marks	8	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	18
Frequency	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2

The above table can be used to answer questions 23 to 25

- 23. Mode is simply the number that appears the most. Therefore, the mode of the dataset is 13
- 24. The median is the middle number in a sorted, ascending or descending, list of numbers.

Arranging in ascending order: 8, 8, 10, 11, 13, 13, 13, 14, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,

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There are two middle numbers (13 and 14). Thus, the median will just simply be the sum of the two numbers divided by 2. That is,  $\frac{13+14}{2} = \frac{27}{2} = 13.5$ 

25. Mean =  $\frac{\Sigma x}{n}$ 

$$=\frac{8+8+10+11+13+13+13+14+14+15+16+17+18+18}{14}=\frac{288}{14}=13.4$$

Only scores 14, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 18 are above 13.4

Thus, there are 7 students that scored above the mean.

### **APPENDIX F**

	С	orrelations	
		Problem solving skills	Problem solving skills Retest
	Pearson Correlation	1	.816**
Problem solving skills	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	Ν	40	40
Problem solving skills	Pearson Correlation	.816**	1
Retest	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
	Ν	40	40

Reliability Index on Mathematical Communication Skills Test (MCST)

		Reasoning and Proof skill	Reasoning and Proof skills Retest
Reasoning and	Pearson Proof Correlation	1	.740**
skills	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	Ν	40	40
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### Correlations

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		Communication skills	Communication skills Retest
	Pearson Correlation	1	$.808^{**}$
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Retest	Ν	40	40

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	Pearson Correlation	1	.700**
Connection/Relation skills	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	Ν	40	40
	Pearson Correlation	$.700^{**}$	1
Connection/Relation skills Retest	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
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		skill	Retest	
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## **APPENDIX G**

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70.	7235	AHMED ADAM		10		150	50	
71.	7226	MARYAM MOHAMMED		1				
72.	7253	HAWAWUIBRAHIM		-				
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75	7275	SANLMOHAMMED WACHIN	10		5	35	57	
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49	1	UMAR FARUQ SHITTU	5	19	17	25	56	-
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435.	8862	ABDULMUMINU ABDULLAHI	10	5	7	31	53	Pass
436.	8863	UMAR SULEIMAN						
437	7180	ALIYU KOLO TIKA	6	10	9	41	66	MASS
138.	7181	MOHAMMED KOLO TIKA	10	5	10	32	57	Rasig
439.	8870	ZUBAIRU ABDULI.AHI	1	8	9	30	54	pass
440.	8871	USMAN B ABUBAKAR	8	10	4	36	61	pass
44 (h)	8875	UMAR NASIRU	10	5	10	32	57	Pasc
442.	5099	MOHAMMED SAIDU ADAMS		2		20	9	-past
443	5055	ELUAR VISA	2	10	10	35	57	Pass
444.	8885	RABIU SANI	10	5	10	38	63	pass
44.5.	8886	BUHARI MANASARA	7	8	9	30	54	pass
446.		ALHASSAN ABDULLAHI NAGENU		v			1	
447.	8889	ABDULLAHI USMAN ALIYU						1
448.	8900	SAIFULA ISAH						
449.	8901	ABUBAKAR MUSA						
450	8903	MOHAMMED B ABUBAKAR					-	1
451.	5088	ADAMU USMAN	7	8	16	29	54	Pass
452.	6066	MOHAMMED N SAIDU	1	0		0-1-		-1423
453.	7252	ISAH ALHASSAN	6	TIA	12	35	58	1 . 61
454.	7338	SATIMA MOHAMMED	<u> </u>	-10.		1. <u> </u>	10	P & 45
455.	2542	MARYAM MOHAMMED			1			
456.	6079 .	SAIDU K AHMADU						
457	7507	DAVID A HEZEKIAH						
458.	7869	ABUBAKAR FATIMA						
155	8201	OYEDEPO SAMSON						+
4647	\$4(4	ABRAHAMTMOSES	+		÷			-
461	7477	PROSPER LUCKY						
462	8939	NNAMDI FAVOUR	1		+			
463.	7974	SEGUN DAVID	11-	1	10	A.	-	-
464	7250	AISHA MOHAMMI D	10	+	15	20	50	Pass

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398.	8472	SALIHU ABDULLAHI	7	8	10	28	53	Passi
309,	7240	SUNDAY DAVID ITODU	10	9	9	54	82	Pass
400	8457	SAMINU IDRIS	7	10	10	44	71	Pass
401.	6090	SA, ADA'T UMAR	10	10	10	50	80	Past
402.	6094	SAIDU ALHAJI SAIDU	5	10	10	35	60	Pas
403.	6022	SUKURAT SANI	10	q	8	140	67	pass
404.	6088	SALAMATU BABA MOHAMMED	8	7	10	45	70	pass
405.	6083	SARETU MOHAMMED SULEIMANM	3	9	9	39	60	Pass
406.	7067	SADIYA ABDULLAHI	5	7	8	34	54	17053
107	7178	SAIDU ASMAU						Pass
408.	7198	RUKAYAT ALHASSAN	8	9	10	36	63	Peiss
409	7229	SARETU IBRAHIM	1-0	-	i lance			
41G,	7259	MOHAMMED B MOHAMMED	120					
411.	6084	SADIYA IDRIS	10	9	7	40	66	Pass
412.	8754	SIKIRU ABDULSAMIU	1.	l				120
413.	70735	OLUYELEKE MARY	9	8	9	27	53	Pass
414.	7974	OLUWASEGUN DAVID	+	1		~		
415.	7245	OKE GABRIEL	10	10	10	50	80	Pass
416.	7214	ROFIA MURTALA	9	8	9	47	73	Pars
417.	6077	RAMATU ALHASSAN	e	7	.10	43	GG	PASS
418.	7989	ROKIBAT MURTALA	8	5	9	32	54	PASS
419.	7270	RAHFEM JAMIU	6	17	10	32	55	pase
420	6076	RUTH PETER	15	10	4	25	44	Pass
421.	6078	RACHEIL MATHEW	IG	7	9	48	74	Passi
422.	7190	ROSELINE JOHNSON	8	7	10	27	52	Pass
423.	8415	RAMATI USMAN JABBA	8	10	q	28	155	Pasi
424.	8582	RASAQ RASEED	*				1	
425	7322	RAHINA TU MOHAMMED	5	10	9	30	54	Passi
426.	7313	STEPHEN YISA	1			sec.		
427.	7215	SULEIMAN SALIHU						
428.	6017	SODIQ ALIYU	1				1	
470	8427	SODIQ ABDULAZE62	1	1			1	1
430.	8540	SODIQ YAKUBU	9	10	7	45	71	Pase

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65.	7969	ISAHKU YAKUBU						
66.	8676 .	RUKAYA MOHAMMED	8	9	7	47	.71	Pass
67.	8335	KHADIJAT ISAH ABUBAKAR	2	10	5	30	47	Pass
68.	8654	MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR	9	7	(0)	37	63	PASS
69.	7191	SUZANA JOHNSON	10	01	10	42	72	1951
70.	7226	GABRIEL OLADAPO						
71.	8379	TOBI JOSEPH	10	10	10	56	86	Pars
372.	6096	TEMITOPE J OLUWAYOMI						
373.	8277	TINAN JONATHAN	10	8	9	53	80	Pas
374.	7290	TUNMISE ADEWALE	8	10	4	35		Para
75.	7335	TOAFEEQ ISMAIL	1					7-
376.	8685	TANKO IDRIS MOHAMMED			18	1		
377.	8713	UMAR MOHAMMED	9	10	8	43	80	Pass
378.	8783	USMAN MOHAMMED		10	0			1
379,	7261	UMAR MOHAMMED		1				
330.	7221	USMAN YAHAYA	II	6	5	23	41	Pase
381.	8883	USMAN MOHAMMED	+	10-	1-2	as		1-235
382.	8368	USMAN MOHAMMED	16	d	10	EA	70	0
		TYABO	10	D	10	50	78	1953
383.	7589	USMAN MOHAMMED SABA	-	-0	-0	+ 1 /	-	
384.	8677	USMAN A NAGYA	9	8	4	46	72	pess
385.	7005	USMAN BABA	•				_	
386.	7362	USMAN MOHAMMED			-	-		
387.	8798	UMAR ALIYU	*		1		1	1
388.	8617	USMAN UMAR					4	
389.	7273	WASIU AFOLABI			1	5		
390.	7013	YAHAYA MOHAMMED						
591.	7377	SAFEYA MOHAMMED	5	2	9	177	- 418	Pass
392.	7269	SADIKABDULLAIII	10	10	c	21	50	Pass
393.	8624	SARETUIBRAHIM		100	1	a		1-1
394.	8703	SADIQ M ABUBAKARB			1			
395.		SAMAD FALOLA	10	E	1	20	11.	2 000
396.	1	SAMIYAT AHMED		10	17	20 ZZ	- 75	2 pas
397		SANI 15AH IDRIS	-0-	V	7	-12	04	1 43

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331.	7255	BINTA .F: YAHAYA						1
332.		MOHAMMED AMINA						
333.	7279	KOLO AMINA						
334.	8847	HABIBA BAKO		lan sala				
335.	8848	ABUBAKAR TAUHEED						1
336.	8849	YUNUSA NDAKOSTU	7	8	10	32	57	pasi
337.	8850	ISYAKA ABUBAKAR	8	16	9	06	53	Pass
338.	8817	MOHAMMED ALHASSAN	3	5	10	27	61	Dass
339.	8888	SHAIBU MOHAMMED	10	7	X	20	55	1091
340.	8902	ΥΑΗΑΥΑ ΓΑΤΙΜΑ	g	X	9	28	58	Days
341.	7338	MOHAMMED FATIMA	2	G	11	95	TI	page
342.	7286	ADAMU MOHAMMED			+-{-0	N	21	par
343.	8800	ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED ZHIWU	4.					
344.	8838	ABDULLAHI JIDA MOHAMMED				-		
345.	7253	HAWAWU IBRAHIM			10.00			
346.	8759	FAITH FRIDAY		1		1		
347.	7352	YAHUZA .A. KOLO	3	160	10	34	57	P6.55
348.	Mol in	YAHAYA JISAH	1					
349.	7969	YUSUF HASSAN						
350.	7014	· YUSUF MOSHOOD	5	10	10	25	50	) par
351,	7171	YUSUF Y MALLAM		12			and a	e fride
352.	7013	YAHAYA MOFIAMMED	10	8	9	120	57	- Dai
353.	8495	YAHAYA UMAR		0	-	100	1	
354.	9319	YAHAYA MOHAMMED	12	10	01	25	5:	2 005
355.	8399	YUNUSA NDAGI		10	-10	1		- p.c.2.
356.	8746	YUSUF WOLI	1	-	-			
357.	1	YUSUF JIDA USMAN	-					
358.		ZAINAB ADAMU	5	1	-10	30	52	00
359.		ZAINAB ATTAHIRU	2	10	× 9	010		pa
360.		ZUWAIRA ABUBAKAR	a	5	6	- So	56	2 1
361		ZAINAB IDRIS	1	9		40	5 60	pa
362		ZAKARI HARUNA	E	+17	10	111	F 65	2 10-
363	14	RUTH N. SHABA	5	10	1 1	40	20.	
100	7251	MOHAMMED BAIWA	0	17	- 10	, 5.	8.8	3 pa

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297.	7177	MOHAMMED B . MOHAMMED	8	10	9	40	57	Pass
298	8468	MADINAT MOHAMMED	7	8	10	38	/t/3	19955
299.	8486	MOHAMMED ZAKARI	_/		and a street of		113	
300.	6054	MOHAMMED ALHAJI SALIHU	7	10	10	20	450	pass
301.	8607	MOHAMMED MOHAMMED				1	11/	1. r
302.	7342	MOHAMMED USMAN						12.
303.	8804	ISAH A MOHAMMED		1				1.1.1.
304.	7342	MOHAMMED SAIDU						
305.	8812	MOHAMMED ISAHKA						
306.	7657	MOHAMMED ZALIYAT	9	10	10	41	70	9429
307.	3047	HABIBU MOHAMMED						1
308.	8821	UMARU ADAMU						
309.	723157	AISHA ABUBAKAR						
310.	8822	MUSA HUSSAINI .						
311.	8826	USMAN MOHAMMED						
312.	8830	ADAMA NDAGI			1			
313.	7523	YAHAYA .D. YAHAYA						
314.	7230	YAHAYA ALHASSAN		1				
315	7220	GABREIL OLADAPO		1				
316.	6066	HALIRU LABARAN	10	5	11	32	51	Pass
317.	8737	HAFSATU ABUBAKAR						1.002-1-
318.	7279	FATIMA KOLO		1	1		1	1
719.	8842	SADIYA ABUBAKAR	5	7	9	30	51	Pace
320.	7168	SEGUN IDRIS	2	9	10	82	58	2045
321.	8855	ANATU MOHAMMED GORO						your
322.	8856	MARYAM IBRAHIM		1			1	1
323.	5782	SALIHU ALIYU						
324.	8861	MUSA MOHAMMED						10100000
325.	6077	RAMATU ALHASSAN	9	7	10	25	51	Pass
326.	7226	MARYAM MOHAMMED	-	1-	10	de la	31	1 0171
327	8846	USMAN B ADAMU				+		
328.	7366	MOHAMMED AISHA EMIGI		+			+	
329.	8842	ABUBAKAR SADIYA						
330.	7183	IDRIS MUSA				+		

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263.	8448	MOHAMMED MOHA MMED		ai - )-188 ( )-100 <b>a</b>				
264.	7856	MAHMUD USMAN DUKUN						
265.	6053	MOHAMMED ISAH JEBBA	10	10	ID	48	7-8	Pase
265.	8345	MOHAMMED ABDULKADIR	8	9	Ŧ	45	69	Dece
267.	8456	MOHAMMED NDAGI	6	10	9	11.6	Ŧi	NAG
268.	84685	MOH'D IYAL ABDULLLAHI	8	5	10	35	53	Pass
269.	8549	MOHAMMED USMAN	10	8	9	57	84	0000
270.	7316	MOHAMMED .Z. MOHAMMED	8	10	10	22	50	P 455
271.	7178	MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI	10	5	7	27	59	2015
272.	8696	MOHAMMED MOH'D GORO	10				- Sachar	1011
273.	7357	MUSA IBRAHIM		1				
274.	8812	MOHAMMED ISHAKU			1			
275.	8772	MASAUDU ABUBAKAR		1			1	1
276.	7259	MOHAMMED B. MAHMUD				1		
277.	8712	MOHAMMED IMRANA			+			
278.	7352	MARIAM DANJUMA	10	8	Q	50	77	Pars
279.	7212	MARIAM ABDULLAHI	Y	10	15	311	Th	1205
280.	7243	MUJIDAT ABDULAZEEZ	E.	10	10	117	50	1006
281.	7699	MAIMUNAT ABDULSALAM		μυ.			P	-/4/
282.	7009	MOHAMMED YAHAYA		-	-			
283.	8490	MOHAMMED KUDU MOHAMMED		1				
284.	7130	MOHAMMED KUDU KUSOGI	8	9	10	30	57	par
285.	6058	MADU MOHAMMED	10	6	10	28	55	pas
286.	7354	MOHAMMED USMAN				0		1
287.	7333	MOHAMMED HARUNA		1				1
288.	8712	MOHAMMED IMRANA		-		-		
289.	7341	MOHAMMED ZAKARI				-		
290.	8731	MOHAMMED MOHAMMED	+		-			
291.	7783	MOH.D LIMAN ABUBAKAR	1	-		1		
292		MOHAMMED IBRAHIM						
293.	8721	MOHAMMED M DAUDA						
294.	7686	MARYAM AHMED						
295	7331	MOHAMMED IDRIS						
140.	6064	MOHAMMED LIMAN JIYA		1				-

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229.	8387	JAMIU KAMALDEEN	8	9	10	27	57	pase
230.		JIBRIN MAHMUD		1	1	09	01	pas (
231.	4858	JIBRIN MAHMUD GORO	1				1	
232.	8578	JIYA MARK	1	8	10	30	55	1
233.	6023	KENE CHUKWU CHEKELUBA	8	9	10	51	78	pas,
234.	7297	KHADIJAT MOHAMMED	7	10	8	35	60	Pag
235.	7830	KAOSARAT MURFTAN	10	5	10	A C	al second second second	1945
236.	6075	KEMI JOSEPH	1	1-	1	20	51	Ya2)
237.	6071	MARYAM .K. AHMED	10	-5	10	30	55	pas
238.	8202	MOHAMMED IDRIS AHMED						
239.		MOHAMMED NDANA	7	8	9	30	TH	Del
240.	7304	MOH'D HARUNA TATABU	8	9	10	32	54 59	pas
241.	6055	MOH'D TSADO IBRAHIM	0	1-1	0	22	01	pas
242.	6059	MOHAMMED MOHAMMED						
243.	7022	MOHAMMED MOHAMMED						
244.	6056	MOHAMMED IBRAHIM	-					
245.	7357	MUSA IBRAHIM	10	a	7	28	T- 1 A	
246.	7193	NATHANIEL USMAN GANA			-T	2.8	5 W	1998
247.	8777	NAZIRU SANI			-			
248.	7179	NAFISAT ISAH						
49.	8530	NURA MOHAMMED						
250.	6071	NWEKE UBASINACHE	10	1	a	IFA	00	
51.	6069	NWEKE UZO		5		40	66	Par,
52.	7173	MAIMATU ADEWUNJI	(6	-1	8	54	84	Pals,
53.	7058	NCHE NAH D. STEPHEN	0	10	q	07	0.5	
54.	7315	NAFISAT MOHAMMED	8	10	7	35	62	1953
55. 1	8857	OCHE OYEGWA KINO	10	-5	3	40	65	Pass
	8371	OLADUNE AMOS	8	-	T	30	54	par,
	6072	OLAYI OLAPETER	1D	T	0	55	62	pa
1	7340	OHZAINAT BUSARI	8	8	4	53	+9	pas
	7265	KEDEMA .M. SABA	9_	+	0	30	56	Pa4
_	7597	KOLO AGNESS						-
	6048	LYDIA ABRAHAM	10	10	10	53	83	Pass
	7217	LIMAN ALIYU	+_	5	8	35	55	200

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195.	8570	IBBRAHIM SIDI ISAH	5	8	9	36	5?	pass
196	8806	IDRIS MOHAMMED		0	-		1	1
197.	7355	ILIYASU IBRAHIM					land	
198.	7755	IBRRAHIM MOHAMMED	+				1	
199.		ISAH ALIYU					1	1.02
200.	7206	ISAH SALIHU	5	10	10	27	52	pas;
201	8449	IBRAHIM ABDULKAREEM		rv.	10		×	fish
202.	8608	IBRAHIM DAUDA				1		1
203.	8606	IDRIS MOHAMMED	1			1		1
204.	8639	ISAH UMAR	8	9	9	30	56	pass
205.	100	IDRJS MOHAMMED	0		-1	- Ch	-20-	1-475
206.	72.55	IBRAHIM MOHAMMED			-		1	
207	7250	ISAH MOHAMMED						
208.	6041	IBRAHIM USMAN	1				1	
209.	8529	IDRIS ISAH			1	1	1	
210.	7310	IDRIS ALIYU						
211.	7667	ISLAMIAT BELLO	10	9	7	36	62	Pass
212.	7383	ISAH ISAH KUPE	10		7	00	011	1 477
213.	7323	ILIYASU IBRAHIM						
214.	8698	ISAH A ISAH						
215:	7352	ILIYASU IBRAHIM	+					
216.	11	ISAH MOHAMMED	1					
217.	6028	GODIYA EZEKIEL	11	8	10	35	60	Pass
218.	8581	JIBRIN SIDI ISAH	10	1	in	26	53	1
219.	7216	JIYA JULIYANA KAKA	g	7	- X	11	65	1645
220.	2888	HAUWA ALHASSAN	k		-0		~	Page
221	6045	JAMES LUCKY	10	10	10	44	7N	1445
222.	7228	JIBRIN MOHAMMED	9	8	4	29	63	10.56
223	7023	TUNIOR J. OLUWAYOMI	-	0		-21	00	fran
224.	7830	JEMIMAN KAURA						
225	7374	JACOB BABA DANIEL						
226.	7267	JONAH .N. YISA	10	q	10	In	69	DALC
227	6046	JIBRIN AUDU	1			70	P. 1.	pass pass
228	7299	JIBRIN AUDU	9	7	q	30	55	Deci

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161.	7295	<b>ΤΑΤΙΜΑ Α</b> ΔΑΜU			1			
162	6027	FATIMA IBN ABASS	10	80	10	24	52	+ que
165.	7250	FABIHI ELUAH	10	9	F.	26	51	Wat.
164,	7315	FATIMA MOHAMMED	6.9	1	==+/	- ango		friend -
165	6092	FATIMA ABUBAKAR	9-	10	g	95	53	Pasi
166.	7345	FATIMA MOHAMMED GÓRO		1.60	-	2		1 mar
167	6030	GAFARU BALOGUN	9	7	10	48	TH	4451
168.	8554	GIDEON YISA	10	10	10	46	76	14
169.	6031	GANIYAT ABDULRAZAQ				1		1
170.	7350	GANIYAT OWOLABI	Ø	1.8	7	36	61	Press.
171.	7358	GODFRY DAVID		-v-	1			
172	\$328	HARUNA ABUBAKAR	9	10	9	112	70	234
173.	8390	HABIBULAH ABDULYEKEN	8	7	10	43	63	
174.	7229	HAUWA MOHAMMED TAYI	24	10	10	43	6.I-	
175.	8444	HADIZA JIBRIN	4	1	T		- Selection	1 mars
176.	7556	HADIZA AHMED	5	10	2	30	60	) en-
177.	7287	HAUWA .B. MOHAMMED	7	. R	9	130	54	1000
178.	8671	HUSSAINA SANI	1.1	10		1	12.1	14- 4
170	6033	HAFSA'T MOHAMMED	8	tu	1q	30	57	Perso
180.	7205	HAFSAT ADAMU	8	P	lic		62	165
181.	7277	HAUWAWU ISAH			-10	1		- K
182	8307	HADIZA IBRAHIM	1	-				
183.	8620	HAJARA CHEKA	10	6	17	30	53	Pare
184.	+"	HUSSAINI SANI		0	1-1-			1505
188	6033	HABIBAT IBN ABASS	1 !0	10	10	20	Ten	Per
186.	7772	HADIZA AWAL	13	Q	10	20	5	5.2
187	7239	HAUWAWU MOH'D SAKPE	12	6	10	20	57	- 1 20
1128	7384	HUSSAINI ALHASSAN	T	0	15	A		1
189.	8473	IBRAHIM USMAN						
190.	6068	ISAH MUSLYNDEEN	8	10	11	130	5 6	0 11
TOL	1	TISMAILA S. USMAN	10	7	1	36	P 8	
	16030	IFE ADENIRAN	10	T	5	100	01	
1103	7224	ISREAL VICTOR	5	lc		1 CC	70	1
194		IBRAHIM YAKUB	t	6	9	49	TU	11

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127.	1540	BALKISU BELLO	9	9	10	32	60	Pass
128.	8384	BLESSING FRANCIS						1 - 1
129.	6020	BINTA .F. ABDULLAHI	7	10	10	51	78	1 955
130.	7172	BASHIRAT AMOBI	10	5	9	57	20	pass
131.	71,88	BLESSING RUFUS	8	9	(0)	46	1	
132.	7160	BUKOLA GBOLGADE				-[	1	-
133.	8484	BINTA MOHAMMED	8	9	10	31	58	Vass.
1'34.	6015	BAYO PAUL	0	+-+-	10	<u> </u>	50	Part -
135.	7680	BASIRAT YAKUB			1			
1365	6070	BALKISU IDRIS	9	10	10	20	51	pass
137.	8275	BASIRAT BELLO		1.5	10	ae	-0-1	pars
138.	7275	COLLINS MAGRET	(0)	q	10	52	82	Pass
139.	8561	DANIEL OKAFO			10	20	01	pass
140,	7255	DIMANS .N. SABA						
141.	6006	ADEWILE ELUAH	8	7	10	55	82	PASI
142.	8403	EMMANUEL I MOSES	10	10	1	.52	79	a second se
143.	6024	ESTHER FABUMI	- ig	A	10	50	TI	pass
144.	8486	FAMOUS DANIEL	1	0	a	48	76	pass
145.	8319	FAIZA JIMOH	10	0	10		78	pass
146.	8230	FATTMA MOHAMED	10	77	1			pags
	8539	FATTMA MOHAMMED	2	7	T	39	60	19 955
48.11	8049	FATIMA IDRIS	T	8	10	30	55	pag
		FAIZA UMAR	7		2			
	E. and	FATIMA MOHAMMED	+	10	5	35	57	pass
		FATIMA MOH DEDATI						
1			-					1
		FATIMA LIMAN	10	5	10	40	65	Pass
111		FATIMA MOH'D MAJIN	7	9	8	37	61	Paga
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63	7266	ARTULLARIYAHAYA	10	7	10	30	57	Pass
64	8375	AREA & ATHR MORAMMED						
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