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ABSTRACT


The English Department of Widya Mandala Catholic University Surabaya makes use of TOEFL test to get information about the improvements on the English mastery level of the students. However, since the English Department never makes any interpretation on the result of the TOEFL tests, no one never really knows about the improvements of the English mastery level that the students have achieved after having studied for six semesters. Therefore, this study aims at finding the grammar mastery of the English Department students of Widya Mandala Catholic University Surabaya using TOEFL test.

As the grammar mastery level being studied is the grammar mastery level of every grammar items, the sample of this study is the students of academic year 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 taking the Advanced Structure course at the odd semester of the academic year 2005/2006. This study is done by asking the sample of the study to do TOEFL test, which is taken from the Complete Test Three of the Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL Test: the Paper Test. The test consists of 40 questions which should be done within 25 minutes. There were 69 students given the test, but the writer only considered 51 students as the sample of the study because of their academic years.

10 problem items were tested in this study; Sentences with One Clause, Connectors, Verbs, Subjects and Verbs, Verbs, Nouns, Adjectives and Adverbs, Parallel Structure, Clauses, Pronouns, and Determiners. However, the study revealed that the English Department students of Widya Mandala Catholic University Surabaya only master 2 (two) problem items; Sentences with One Clause (.72) and Connectors (.66).