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Experimenting with Uncertainty Cambridge University Press

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

Business Result Cambridge University Press

This publication contains a selection of research papers presented at the 15th Annual Language Testing Research Colloquium. This publication contains a selection of research papers presented at the 15th Annual Language Testing Research Colloquium (LTRC). The Colloquium was jointly hosted by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES) in Cambridge and CITO in Arnhem in the Netherlands. At the Cambridge venue, the papers were presented on the theme of performance testing and at Arnhem, they covered aspects of communication in relation to cognition and assessment. A selection of papers has been made in order to achieve a balanced coverage of these themes. In particular, the research presented includes work on speaking and writing tests where the focus is on raters and tasks; the application of various statistical methods in language test validation; and issues related to language testing in specific contexts and with particular candidate groups.

The CEFR in Practice Council of Europe

This Framework has been widely adopted in setting curriculum standards, designing courses, developing materials and in assessment and certification. This compendium of case studies is written by authors who have a considerable and varied experience of using the Framework in their professional context. The aim is to help readers develop their understanding of the Framework and its possible uses in different sectors of education.

European Language Testing in a Global Context Multilingual Matters

The conference papers presented in this volume represent a small subset of the many excellent presentations made at that event.

Issues in Computer-Adaptive Testing of Reading Proficiency Cambridge University Press

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

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Cambridge University Press

Complete IELTS combines the very best in contemporary classroom practice with stimulating topics aimed at young adults wanting to study at university. The Student's Book without answers contains 8 topic-based units with stimulating speaking activities, a language reference, grammar and vocabulary explanations and examples, to ensure that students gain skills practice for each of the four papers of the IELTS test. It also includes a complete IELTS practice test to allow students to familiarise themselves with the format of the exam. The CD-ROM contains additional skills, grammar, vocabulary and listening exercises. Class Audio CDs, containing the recordings for the listening exercises, are available packaged separately or as part of the Student's Book Pack.

TOEFL iBT Cambridge University Press

Discover the SCRUM for HARDWARE pioneers: from Wikispeed to the first Scrum for Hardware Gathering, the Agile Product Charter and Scrum@Scale. The book is divided in two parts: the first one made of stories which introduce the topic in an easy way, the second one include the description of the method, the underling values and principles, the engineering practices, case studies and many practical examples on how to adopt it in your company. In the Appendix you'll find the Scrum and Scrum@Scale guides and the description of Cynefin and PopcornFlow. Foreword by Joe Justice. English Edition, color printing. Includes a coupon to download the electronic version for free with additional material and all the future updates.«This book is the first significant publication on the topic, the most complete and authoritative. If the Agile transformation of the Software industry has any parallels outside software, and if the current client adoption rate is any indication, this book will be the reference for executives, shop floor managers, and team members globally.» Joe Justice, Creator of Scrum for Hardware and eXtreme Manufacturing Performance Testing. Cognition and Assessment Council of Europe

There has been growing interest in recent years in the influence of tests on teaching and learning - a phenomenon commonly referred to as 'washback'. Despite persistent assertions about its nature and scope, empirical studies investigating test washback are still limited in number, and few of these make use of both qualitative and quantitative methods in washback research. This volume presents a study of how the introduction of the 1996 Hong Kong Certificate of Education in English - a high stakes public examination - impacted on classroom teaching and learning in Hong Kong secondary schools. The washback effect was observed initially at the larger 'macro' level, among different stakeholder groups within the Hong Kong educational context; and also at the more local 'micro' level, in terms of teachers' attitudes, teaching content and classroom interactions. This study: provides a theoretical background to the washback concept, discusses the need for empirical investigation of washback, describes the use of a mixed methodology approach in washback research, offers insights into the role of tests as agents of innovation and change in the classroom and broader educational context. This volume will be of particular relevance to language test developers and researchers interested in the consequential validity of tests; it will also be of interest to teachers, curriculum designers, policymakers and others in education concerned with the interface between language testing and teaching practices/programs. Book jacket.

Dictionary of Language Testing Cambridge University Press

Offers a discussion of the basic concerns which underlie the development and use of language tests. Presenting a synthesis of research on testing, this book is useful for students on teacher education courses. It is also helpful for those professionally involved in designing and administering tests, acting as a complement to 'how to' books.

Learning Oriented Assessment Cambridge University Press

This book aims to provide language testers with a background in the conversation analytic framework.

The Development of IELTS SLANGMAN PUBLISHING

Documents the development of the Cambridge ESOL Certificates in English Language Skills (CELS), a suite of modular examinations first offered in 2002. As a context for how CELS was conceived, developed, constructed, validated and managed, the book traces the history of exams which have influenced CELS. The Royal Society of Arts (RSA), later UCLES (University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate) Communicative Use of English as a Foreign Language examinations (CUEFL) was one such influence, as were the Certificates in Communication Skills in English (CCSE), these exams being a development of the CUEFL. The University of Oxford Delegacy of Local Examinations (UODLE) examinations, taken over by UCLES in 1995, were a further influence on CELS. UODLE itself had worked in partnership with the Association of Recognised Language Schools (ARELS) Examinations Trust, the Oxford EFL reading and writing exams for many years offered in tandem with the ARELS Oral English exams.

Continuity and Innovation Cambridge University Press

This book investigates the influence of test taker characteristics on performance in tests of English as a foreign language by exploring the relationships between these two groups of variables. Data from a test taker questionnaire and performance on the First Certificate in English (FCE) and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) were used for the study. The research was conducted in a construct validation context and aimed to increase our understanding of the individual differences among test takers that influence their test performance. The application of a structural modeling approach to investigate the influence of test taker characteristics on test performance makes this study a valuable contribution to language testing research. As such, it will be of considerable relevance to academic researchers and graduate students in the field of language testing and assessment, as well as to others interested in second language acquisition and learning.

Cambridge English First 3 Student's Book without Answers Cambridge English

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

Changing Language Teaching Through Language Testing Cambridge Scholars Publishing Cambridge English Empower is a general adult course that combines course content from Cambridge University Press with validated assessment from the experts at Cambridge English Language Assessment. Elementary Presentation Plus provides the complete Elementary Student's Book content and the Workbook content with built-in annotation tools, embedded audio, and class video in an easy-to-operate format for interactive whiteboards or computers and projectors.

Scrum for Hardware Cambridge University Press

Pathways presents an innovative way of reflecting on the multidimensionality of assessment, learning and teaching in line with the CEFR. It has been designed to support professionals at all levels. The two main components of Pathways - guide and kit - integrated by various indexes, mind maps and examples of scenarios, encourage users to work in a non linear way and to select and customize. The guide addresses those fundamental concepts in the CEFR that may not be readily transparent and that especially warrant "unpacking" for educational practices in a way that is clear and accessible for professionals, both in their pre- and in-service teacher education. The kit offers 107 worksheets, which serve as a bridge for teacher educators and teachers, to reflect on these concepts and to relate them appropriately to pedagogical practices.

Issues in Language Testing Cambridge English

This book presents the background to the current shift in language education towards action-oriented/action-based teaching, and provides a theorization of the Action-oriented Approach (AoA). It discusses the concepts and theories that paved the way for the AoA and explores their relevance for the way language education is conceived and implemented in the classroom. In the process, it revisits the concept of competence and discusses the dynamic notions of mediation and plurilingualism. The authors explain the way in which the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and its recent update, the CEFR Companion Volume, broaden the scope of language education, in particular in relation to the actional turn. The book provides scholars and practitioners with a research-informed description of the AoA, explains its implications for curriculum planning, teaching and assessment, and elaborates on its pedagogical implications. *Complete IELTS Bands 6.5-7.5 Student's Book Without Answers with CD-ROM* Council of Europe This volume gives an overview of the impact of the CEFR on teaching and assessment, as well as the extensive debate surrounding the framework.

Handbook of Print Media Oxford University Press

The Slangman Guide to STREET SPEAK 1 takes you through the colorful and popular world of everyday American slang and idioms used by all native speakers of English in the US. It has been featured on CNN, BBC, Voice of America, and several other international TV broadcasts. For ESL (English as a Second Language) students, this book equals years of living in the USA and will help you to quickly integrate into the American culture by learning not only the slang and idioms, but

we'll also take you through the contractions and reductions used by everyone such as I dunno ("I do not know") and D'jeet jet? ("Did you eat yet?") and so many others. Entertaining dialogues, activities and games will make sure you have a blast ("have fun") and don't sweat it ("get tense") as you get up to speed ("become current") on all the typical slang and idioms used by virtually every native speaker! So chill out ("relax"), kick back ("get comfortable") as you learn the real language spoken by virtually all of us in the USA! NOTE: Audio CDs sold separately. The Slangman Guide to STREET SPEAK 1 contains popular chapters on slang and idioms associated with: Parties Shopping Movies Airports Restaurants Health Markets At School Dating

The Slangman Guide to Street Speak 1 Cambridge University Press

This volume outlines the general principles of Learning Oriented Assessment (LOA), placing it in the context of European language learning policy. The authors pose three key questions central to

LOA: 'What is learning?', 'What is to be learned?' and 'What is to be assessed?'. It focuses on the use of evidence, and how it can be collected and used to feed back into learning, overviews large-scale assessment as practised by Cambridge English and learning-oriented classroom assessment practices, and concludes with a look at implementing LOA in practice. With fresh insights into the role of assessment in supporting learning, this volume will be of considerable interest to assessment practitioners, teachers and academics, educational policy-makers and examination board personnel.

A Modular Approach to Testing English Language Skills Bloomsbury Publishing

Arguably the whole point of education is to effect change in what people know and are able to do. Globalization has contributed to a common perception worldwide of the need to introduce changes

to the teaching and learning of languages. The success of many attempts to do so has been limited by insufficient consideration of implementation contexts. *Understanding Language Classroom Contexts* explores and illustrates how what happens in any (language) classroom is influenced by (and can be an influence on) the contexts in which it is situated. A clear understanding of these influences is thus the starting point for planning effective change. The book considers many visible and invisible features of the multiple layers of any context, and provides a framework for understanding the types of factors that may influence whether changes (planned by a teacher or externally initiated) are likely to be successful. The book will help teachers (and educational managers or change planners outside the classroom) to understand why their classrooms are as they are and so to make informed decisions about what can or cannot (or not easily) be changed, and suggests how any changes might be appropriately managed.