

# The Effectiveness of Science Module Smp / MTS to Train Critical Thinking Skills

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## Abstract

This research aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the use of natural science module SMP/MTs to train critical thinking skills. The research subject of students grades VIII MTs Muhammadiyah 3 Al-Furqan Banjarmasin. The experiment was conducted in the academic year 2018/2019. Data on the effectiveness of the modules include the cognitive learning, critical thinking skills, attitude, character, social attitudes, and responses of students. Data were collected through questionnaires and observations and analyzed descriptively. The results showed module IPA developed relatively effective based on 1) the cognitive learning of students has exceeded the classical completeness, 2) critical thinking skills of students categorized as good, 3) the attitude of the character of the students are diligent and cautious good average, 4) social attitudes of students working together and express good average, and 5) the average response has been good.

**Keywords:** Module, critical thinking skills, effectiveness.

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## INTRODUCTION

Learners in Indonesia still have poor thinking skills, especially in the implementation of science [1]. Overall scientific literacy learners Indonesia based on data from PISA 2015 is relatively low, which is ranked 62 out of 69 countries evaluated [1]. The poor thinking ability has not shown an increase over time.

Critical thinking skills are part of the high-level thinking skills. Filsaime [2] describes the critical thinking is a process that emphasizes think logically and rationally. Critical thinking skills can be acquired through practical activities in the learning process (classroom activity).

The learning process in schools usually uses textbooks from a particular publisher. It is a constraint, of course, is the discrepancy between the existing teaching materials to the learning objectives following the syllabus. Besides teaching materials used have not loaded critical thinking skills as the main bill. If this is allowed, then the critical thinking skills of Indonesian children remain underdeveloped. Therefore it is necessary for the innovation-oriented learning process. One way that can be done to improve the learning process is a way to improve learning resources. Learning resources (books students) have constraints,

whether the amount is very limited, as well as distribution.

Expectations by developing modules science teaching is the students can learn from the experience of real-life, happy, learning with excitement, students actively and critically, fun, and sharing with friends so that learners will be plenty of opportunities to learn independently and to reduce dependence on the presence of teachers so that students will find it easy to learn each competency to be mastered. So that the ultimate goal is the development of this science module to train the critical thinking skills of learners can be achieved.

Product development of a prototype module, this is done through the procedural steps to improve the product. Each step is a microcycle that ends with the revision [3]. So that the resulting module quality, the necessary measures through the development of expert review, one to one evaluation, small group, and field test [4]. Through this way will obtain a valid module, practical, and effective.

## METHODS

The model used is a model of development that Tessmer formative evaluation and use of research

planning and development. This research approach emphasizes the formative stages of evaluation by Tessmer [4], which includes expert reviews, one to one evaluation, small group and field test.

The actual effectiveness of data obtained from the student's cognitive learning, critical thinking skills of students, the characterless attitude of learners, social attitudes of learners, and the response of students in the field test. Data collection techniques in the development of this module obtained through evaluation sheets cognitive achievement of learners, learner's critical thinking skills, character attitude of learners, social attitudes of learners, and the response of students in the small group test. Similarly, the actual effectiveness obtained through evaluation sheets cognitive assessment of learning outcomes learners, critical thinking skills of learners, the characterless attitude of learners, social attitudes of learners, and the response of students in the field test.

The actual effectiveness of data analysis techniques was analyzed using a rubric. Steps as follows; a) Data cognitive learning outcomes of learners using a score of 10-100; b) the data critical thinking skills of learners carry out practical activities in groups

then match the types of critical thinking skills (formulate problems, make hypotheses, designing experiments / observations, collecting data, analyzing data, drawing conclusions, and presented the results of the experiment). The results associated with the category of Very Good (4), good ( $3 \leq 4$ ), good enough ( $2 \leq 3$ ), poor ( $1 \leq 2$ ). (Adapted from Nur, 2013); c) the data in character and attitude of social attitudes based on an assessment rubric with excellent category (4), good ( $3 \leq 4$ ), good enough ( $2 \leq 3$ ), poor ( $1 \leq 2$ ) (Adapted from Nur, 2013) [5]; d) the response data learners through a questionnaire, obtained from the checklist in the "yes" or "no". Furthermore, answer "yes" summed divided by the number of indicators expressed in percent and is categorized as very good (85.01 to 100.00%), Pretty Good (70.01 to 85.00%), less good (from 50.01 to 70, 00%), and not good (10.00- 50.00%).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Effectiveness Hope

The effectiveness of expectations based on a) the cognitive learning, b) critical thinking skills, c) the attitude of the character, d) social attitudes, e) test the response of students in small groups.

### Student Learning Outcomes

**Table-1: Results of Cognitive Learning in Small Groups**

Nr.	Student Initials	Cognitive On Module					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
1	A	100	100	100	100	100	100
2	CA	90	80	100	90	100	90
3	GUA	70	80	80	80	90	90
4	L	70	80	80	80	90	90
5	MFA	80	80	80	80	70	80
6	SDF	70	80	80	90	80	90
Classical completeness (%)		100	100	100	100	100	100

KKM = Minimum Completeness Criteria (minimum criteria of mastery learning)

KKM = 70, Classical Completeness 80%

Based on Table-1 all students have been completed 100% and have exceeded the minimum of 80% classical completeness.

### Critical Thinking Skills

The results of the student's critical thinking skills in small groups are presented in Table-2.

**Table-2: The results of the test of critical thinking skills small groups**

Nr.	Critical Thinking Skills	Average	Category
1.	formulate the problem	3.00	Good
2.	formulate hypotheses	3.00	Good
3.	Designing Experiments/observations	3.50	Good
4.	Collecting data	3.42	Good
5.	analyzing the data	3.00	Good
6.	drawing conclusions	3.17	Good

Categories:

4 = Very good                      3 –  $\leq$  4 = Good  
2 –  $\leq$  3 = Less good              1 –  $\leq$  2 = Not good

Table-2 shows that the critical thinking skills of students most of the indicators are good.

**Character Attitude of Students (Diligent and Be careful)****Table-3: Results, the assessment of character in a small group test**

Nr.	Student Initials	Diligent		Carefulness	
		Score	Category	Score	Category
1	A	3.62	Good	3.88	Good
2	CA	3.75	Good	3.50	Good
3	GUA	3.50	Good	3.62	Good
4	L	3.12	Good	3.25	Good
5	MFA	3.50	Good	3.38	Good
6	SDF	3.38	Good	3.50	Good

Based on Table-3 attitude characterized the small group test all students both in the attitude of diligent and cautious.

**Social Attitudes of Students (cooperation and express opinion)****Table-4: The results of the assessment of social attitudes in a small group test**

Nr.	Name	Cooperation		Expression	
		Score	Category	Score	Category
1	A	3.62	Good	3.88	Good
2	CA	3.25	Good	3.38	Good
3	GUA	3.62	Good	3.38	Good
4	L	3.50	Good	3.25	Good
5	MFA	3.88	Good	3.88	Good
6	SDF	3.38	Good	3.50	Good

Based on Table-4 social attitudes in small group test all learners have good while doing cooperation and expressed opinions during group discussions.

**Response of Students**

Response Students in small group test are presented in Table-5.

**Table-5: Response of Students of the modules on a small group of test**

No.	Statement	The Number of Students	%	Category
1	I am very pleased to learn the lab	6	100	Very good
2	I can understand very well the activities in the module	6	100	Very good
3	I came to understand all the material in the modules dealing with everyday life	6	100	Very good
4	I could design an experiment	5	83.33	Good
5	I've been able to process the data after performing experiments	6	100	Very good

Description categories:

85 – <100% = very good      50 – <70% = less good

70 – <85% = Good      10 – <50% = not good

Adapted from Nur (2013) [5]

**Actual Effectiveness**

The effectiveness is obtained by a) the cognitive learning, b) critical thinking skills, c) the attitude of the character, d) social attitudes, e) the response of students in the field test.

**Learning Outcomes of Students (Cognitive)**

Student learning outcomes in the group can field test are presented in Table-6.

**Table-6: Results of Field Test of Cognitive Students**

Number of students	Module	KKM	Master	Not Yet Mastered	Classical Completeness (%)
32	1	70	29	3	90.6
32	2		31	1	96.9
32	3		30	2	93.8
32	4		30	2	93.8
32	5		29	3	90.6
32	6		30	2	93.8

KKM = Minimum Completeness Criteria (minimum criteria of mastery learning)

KKM = 70, Complete Classical 80%

From the data obtained the learning outcomes of the subject of six modules in the classical declared complete because it exceeds the value of classical completeness 80%, but some students have not

completed because the value is less than the KKM is 70.

#### Critical Thinking Skills test group field

Critical thinking skills groups are presented in Table-7.

**Table-7: Critical Thinking Skills Group**

No.	Critical thinking skills	Average	Category
1.	formulate the problem	3.14	Good
2.	formulate hypotheses	3.19	Good
3.	Designing Experiments/observations	3.33	Good
4.	Collecting data	3.33	Good
5.	analyzing the data	3.29	Good
6.	drawing conclusions	3.29	Good

Description categories:

Very good(4)                      Good (3 – <4)  
 Less good (2 – <3)              Not good (1 – <2)  
 (Adapted from Nur, 2013) [5]

there are no students who obtained a very good category. The highest average value of each category was 3.33 with a good category and the lowest rate was 3.14 also with both categories.

Results from the data in Table-7 shows that the critical thinking skills of students are good, although

#### Character Attitude of Students (Diligent and Be Careful)

**Table-8: The results of the test, the assessment of character Courses**

No.	Initials Students	Diligent		Carefulness	
		Score	Category	Score	Category
1	APH	3.38	Good	3.62	Good
2	AYR	3.75	Good	3.88	Good
3	AZA	3.50	Good	3.75	Good
4	AI	3.50	Good	3.62	Good
5	A A	3.88	Good	3.88	Good
6	CZA	3.75	Good	3.75	Good
7	CNRP	3.50	Good	3.62	Good
8	HK	3.88	Good	3.62	Good
9	KNS	4.00	Very good	3.38	Good
10	LSA	3.62	Good	3.88	Good
11	LA	3.38	Good	3.38	Good
12	MAP	3.12	Good	3.12	Good
13	MAR	3.62	Good	3.62	Good
14	MKNZ	3.62	Good	3.62	Good
15	MSP	3.38	Good	3.38	Good
16	MWH	3.88	Good	3.88	Good
17	MZE	3.75	Good	3.75	Good
18	MZH	3.75	Good	3.75	Good
19	MMP	3.88	Good	3.88	Good
20	M	3.88	Good	3.88	Good
21.	MH	3.75	Good	3.38	Good
22.	MR	3.88	Good	3.75	Good
23.	NN	3.38	Good	3.50	Good
24.	NH	3.62	Good	3.50	Good
25.	NFH	3.88	Good	3.88	Good
26.	NU	3.75	Good	3.75	Good
27.	NNA	3.62	Good	3.50	Good
28.	NH	3.88	Good	3.88	Good
29.	NSB	3.38	Good	3.75	Good
30.	RS	3.12	Good	3.62	Good
31.	SD	3.75	Good	3.38	Good
32.	SR	3.88	Good	3.12	Good

Description categories:

Very good (4)                      Good (3 – ≤4)  
 Less good (2 – ≤3)              Not  
 good(1 – ≤2).

(Adapted from Nur, 2013) [5]

Based on Table-8 the attitude of the character (diligent and careful) at an average of field testing has

been good students. There is only one student who obtained a very good category. The highest average value of each learner is 4.00 with very good categories and the lowest value was 3.12 in both categories.

### Social Attitudes of Students (Cooperate and Expression)

**Table-9: Assessment of social attitudes in the field test**

No.	Initials Students	Cooperate		Expression	
		Score	Category	Score	Category
1	APH	3.62	Good	3.38	Good
2	AYR	3.62	Good	3.12	Good
3	AZA	3.38	Good	3.62	Good
4	AI	3.62	Good	3.62	Good
5	A A	3.38	Good	3.88	Good
6	CZA	3.12	Good	3.88	Good
7	CNRP	3.62	Good	3.75	Good
8	HK	3.62	Good	3.75	Good
9	KNS	3.38	Good	3.88	Good
10	LSA	3.88	Good	3.88	Good
11	LA	3.75	Good	3.38	Good
12	MAP	3.75	Good	3.12	Good
13	MAR	3.88	Good	3.62	Good
14	MKNZ	3.88	Good	3.88	Good
15	MSP	3.38	Good	3.38	Good
16	MWH	3.12	Good	3.38	Good
17	MZE	3.62	Good	3.12	Good
18	MZH	3.62	Good	3.62	Good
19	MMP	3.38	Good	3.88	Good
20	M	3.88	Good	3.62	Good
21.	MH	3.75	Good	3.88	Good
22.	MR	3.12	Good	3.88	Good
23.	NN	3.62	Good	3.38	Good
24.	NH	3.62	Good	3.88	Good
25.	NFH	3.38	Good	3.88	Good
26.	NU	3.38	Good	3.38	Good
27.	NNA	3.88	Good	3.12	Good
28.	NH	3.75	Good	3.62	Good
29.	NSB	3.38	Good	3.75	Good
30.	RS	3.12	Good	3.75	Good
31.	SD	3.62	Good	3.88	Good
32.	SR	3.75	Good	3.88	Good

Categories:

4 = Very good                      3 – <4 = Good  
2 – <3 = Less good              1 – <2 = Not good

(Adapted from Nur, 2013) [5]

Based on Table-9 social attitudes to work together on all students are good, while at the attitude expressed the opinion of all students also been good.

### Students Response Field Test

The response of students in the field testing of the modules can be seen in Table-10.

**Table-10: Response of students to the modules on the Field Test**

Nr.	Statement	The Nnumber of Students	%	Category
1	I am very pleased to learn the lab	31	96.88	Very good
2	I can understand very well the activities in the module	28	87.50	Very good
3	I came to understand all the material in the modules dealing with everyday life	25	78.12	Good
4	I could design an experiment	28	87.50	Very good
5	I've been able to process the data after performing experiments	27	84.38	Good

Category: very good (85.01 to 100.00%), Good (70.01 to 85.00%), less good (50.01 to 70.00%), and not good (10.00- 50, 00%)

Based on the results of the student's response to the module on field tests above show that the module is acceptable or has been good.

Effectiveness or effective is a condition which implies the occurrence of the desired effect or results in action. The effectiveness of the modules obtained from the learner's cognitive learning, critical thinking skills, attitude, character, social attitudes, and responses of learners. The school sets for class VIII KKM science subjects was 70 and the limit of 80% classical completeness.

From the data in Table 4.9 learn the results obtained from the data on the subject of six modules in the classical declared complete because it exceeds the value of classical completeness 80%, but some students have not completed because the value is below the value of 70. KKM classical completeness Module 1 by 90, 6%, amounting to 96.9% module 2, module 3 by 93.8%, amounting to 93.8% module 4, 5 modules of 90.6%, and amounted to 93.8% module 6.

Critical thinking skills from the data in Table-7 through the experimental result that critical thinking skills are good. This is supported by previous studies [6]. Critical thinking skills into becoming one indicator of the effectiveness of the module development results. Critical thinking skills students include formulating the problem (inference), make a hypothesis (inference), collect data (interpretation), analyze the data (explanation), and make conclusions (evaluation). So also with previous research Wahyuni [7] reported that the IPA developed practical guidance already eligible for use in teaching in junior and can enhance students' critical thinking skills. Beck [8] argues that learning using the experimental method can enhance innovative teaching methods that can be applied by teachers. The experimental activities can reflect the students' critical thinking skills. According to Bozdogan [9]. The basic principle is reflected in the activities of experimental science. Meanwhile, according to Chabalengula [10], through experiments, students gain experience to hone their science process skills that can later be put into practice in the learning of science. The scarcity of students experimenting to make the critical thinking skills of students is still low. Scriven and Paul, According to Riggs and Hellyer, 2014 [11] no link between the issues and the development of critical thinking. One challenge is the awareness of the role of a real thinker thinking in life and relation with the problems of the day-to-day.

From the data characteristic attitude of learners already shows the attitude diligent and cautious all learners are good. Data from social attitudes of students have demonstrated good cooperation with the attitude, while also a good attitude argues. According to Welch & Douglas [12], learners will learn to be humble, honest and open thinking in accepting the development

of science. Grown scientific attitude of students is one of the indicators that show a positive attitude toward science.

Based on data from Table 10 states that the response of learners towards learning modules developed very positive and could be applied in other classes that supported previous research Dewi *et al.*, [13] concluded that the response data to the module learners developed positively, this means that the students are interested in, understand, and easier when learning to use the modules developed,

Based on these discussions can be concluded that the learning module developed declared effective and can be used or applied to learn in the classroom MTs Muhammadiyah 3 Al-Furqan Banjarmasin. To determine the effectiveness of this development module in other schools need to be tested again in another school.

## CONCLUSION

The results showed a natural science module for grade VIII development results categorized is effective. Categorized based on cognitive learning is good, good critical thinking skills category, categorized character good attitude, the attitude of a good social category, and the students' response has been good.

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