Validity of Guided Inquiry Based Learning Tools Guided in Practicing Performance Skills

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Abstract

Learning Natural Sciences in Vocational Schools requires an assessment that emphasizes the scientific process and learning outcomes related to natural events around. But in reality until now science learning is still centered on the teacher and during learning more use textbooks and assessment only in the form of a written test at the end of the lesson. This results in low student performance skills and learning outcomes. One of the supporters who can practice the performance skills and student learning outcomes is a learning tool based on guided inquiry. This study aims to determine the appropriateness of guided inquiry-based science learning tools to practice vocational student performance skills. The device development is based on the Dick & Carey development research model so as to produce learning devices that are tested to the field test stage. The validity of the device is validated by experts, then in this observation also observes the activities of teachers and students, student responses, the influence of the use of learning tools, and student performance skills. The results showed that; (1) guided inquiry-based science learning tools are declared valid by experts, (2) teacher and student activities are categorized as good, (3) student responses show positive responses, (4) and there is an increase in student learning outcomes by 78.60% and Student performance skills improve with each meeting and have good criteria. Based on the results of a descriptive analysis of the learning tools developed it is said to be feasible and able to train performance skills.

Keywords: learning tools, guided inquiry, performance skills.

INTRODUCTION

The 2006 Education Unit Level Curriculum (KTSP) in Natural Sciences (IPA) for Vocational Schools requires an assessment that emphasizes the scientific process and learning outcomes related to natural events around. This is a challenge for science teachers to be able to choose and use models that can bring students in a scientific process to form scientific attitudes, bringing students closer to their surroundings. However, based on the results of direct interviews with science subject teachers, information has been obtained so far the class learning has only centered on the teacher. Teaching materials used in class are standard instructional materials published by publishers but often do not meet student needs. Even this teaching material is not equipped with the availability of clear assessment rubrics, making it difficult for teachers when they want to use it to see student achievement. Class assessments that have been conducted so far only revolve around written and oral assessments, which emphasize more on the cognitive aspects, meaning that the assessment is done at the end of learning. The results of interviews with science teachers are supported by data on the value of students' work skills in the competency test, the results show that the average value of students' work skills does not meet the expected criteria. Not yet achieved the expected performance skills because the teacher has not directed students with models that support performance skills.

One of the learning models that leads to the 2006 SBC demands is the guided inquiry learning model. Guided inquiry learning is a learning strategy that emphasizes the development of cognitive, affective, and psychomotor aspects in a balanced manner so that learning with this strategy is considered more meaningful[1]. In addition to the use of models, learning tools are also factors that play a role in determining the success of learning in schools. If a learning device is designed correctly it will bring the impact of convenience for students to be able to understand the contents of the material being studied. Conversely, if a learning device is incomplete and less systematic it will also have the effect of less effective
learning. Therefore it is necessary to develop a learning device that is truly suited to the characteristics and needs of students to improve their understanding and thinking ability. The learning device is one of the prerequisites for the implementation of the teaching and learning process properly and correctly [2].

The ideal learning device is a learning device that is flexible, contextual, and easy to apply. Characteristics of a good science learning device if used will be able to achieve optimal results, because in its application always prioritizes scientific processes, products, and attitudes as the nature of science itself. This is a form of technological improvement, especially in the field of education and teaching in schools.

One of the class assessments is performance evaluation (performance test). Performance tests can be used to help students get used to showing their performance in understanding and solving problems. Performance appraisal has the advantage of being able to reveal the potential of students in solving problems, reasoning, and communication in written and oral form. One feature of performance appraisal is the assessment of the learning process. Performance appraisal is based on observers’ observations of students’ activities as they occur. In this study the performance or performance skills to be observed are as follows; (1) formulating problems, (2) formulating hypotheses/predictions, (3) writing observational procedures, (4) making observations, (5) making conclusions.

Nurdin in his research gained very good student argumentation skills, which meant that the product developed was appropriate in measuring aspects of observed skills and had standard language and rubrics that were suitable for use [3]. The results of other studies in the application of the guided inquiry model to the scientific thinking process skills through the guided inquiry model in its findings the researcher explained the results of the students' complete process skills classically [4]. In addition, in the study of the application of problem posing to improve the performance skills of 10th grade students of SMAN 4 Palangkaraya on ecosystem material, the student's performance has increased [5]. In the final evaluation it has really improved, students' skills are in the excellent and good category.

The 2006 SBC demands on science subjects for SMK/MAK are developing analytical, inductive, and deductive thinking skills to solve problems related to natural events around, and requires students to play an active role in the learning process (student centered). During this time learning is still using conventional methods, which tend to be monotonous and teacher-centered. In addition, the assessment and learning tools used so far have not met the expected standards. This situation will have an impact on suboptimal learning outcomes.

**RESEARCH METHODS**

The Learning Device Development Activity in this study adopted the Dick and Carey model [6] which has been adjusted according to the needs in development. It all starts from identifying the research objectives and then continuing with the process of learning analysis and identifying the initial characteristics of students simultaneously. After obtaining new results can then be continued by making learning tools systematically and evaluated in the final stage. Evaluation is used to see the finished device can be accepted as a product that is ready or not and still needs to be revised. Learning tools developed include syllabus, lesson plans, teaching materials, and research sheets.

There are four types of formative evaluations that can be applied to develop this learning tool, namely (1) expert review; (2) individual trials (one-to-one evaluation); (3) small group evaluation; and (4) field evaluations. Specifically for this study only discussed about the validity of the device. The expert review stage is important to see the impact of learning tools. A valid learning tool can make learning in the classroom practical and effective. The results of the expert review will bear fruit and continue the revision of the compiler. The revised product development is carried out on each component of the learning device, namely: (a) the specific objectives of learning, (b) the contents of learning materials, (c) illustrations / drawings, and (d) formative evaluation. The results of the revision of this first stage can later be continued to the next stage. Desired data in the Learning Device Development activities in the form of suggestions, responses and improvements.

**RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Learning Tools Validation Results**

Validated learning tools include syllabus, lesson plans, teaching materials, worksheets and assessment sheets on the Basic Competence (KD) identifying the type of waste. The focus of product validation development is on content validation (content) conducted by 3 validators. Three validators consist of 3 experts. One expert is a science education instructional design expert. Two other experts are chemistry education evaluation experts.

**Syllabus Validation Results**

A summary of the results of the syllabus validation by three experts is presented in the following Table 1.
RPP Validation Results

A summary of the results of the RPP validation by three experts is presented in Table 2 below.

Table-2: RPP Validation Results

| No | Validated Indicators/Aspects                                                                 | Validator | Modus | Category   |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| 1  | Systematic sequence of preparation of syllabus (including SK, BC, main material, learning, assessment, time allocation, as well as media, tools and materials) | 4 3 4 4   |       | Very Valid |
| 2  | Compliance SK with KD                                                                      | 3 4 4 4   |       | Very Valid |
| 3  | Coverage of subject matter supports the achievement of KD                                   | 3 4 4 4   |       | Very Valid |
| 4  | Learning is designed and developed based on SK, KD, and subject potential                   | 4 4 4 4   |       | Very Valid |
| 5  | Inclusion of observing, questioning, collecting data (experiment/exploration), associating, and communicating to the learning section (learning activities) | 3 2 3 3   |       | Valid      |
| 6  | The determination of assessment is adjusted to SK, KD, subject matter, and learning         | 4 3 4 4   |       | Very Valid |
| 7  | Determination of media, tools, and materials adapted to SK, BC, subject matter, learning, and assessment | 4 3 4 4   |       | Very Valid |
| 8  | Use of language in accordance with EYD                                                      | 3 2 3 3   |       | Valid      |
| 9  | Simplicity of sentence structure                                                            | 3 4 4 4   |       | Very Valid |
| 10 | Suitability of the time allocation used with learning (learning activities)                 | 4 3 4 4   |       | Very Valid |

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Student Worksheet Validation Results (LKS)

A summary of the results of LKS validation by three experts is presented in the following Table 3.

Table 3: LKS Validation Results

| No | Validated Indicators/Aspects                                                                 | Validator | Modus | Category   |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
|    |                                                                                              | P.1 | P.2 | P.3 |          |
| 1  | LKS emphasizes aspects of the process of finding concepts                                     | 4   | 4   | 4   | Very Valid |
| 2  | The accuracy of the cases presented                                                           | 4   | 3   | 4   | Very Valid |
| 3  | Systematic sequence (problem orientation, problem formulation, predictions, tools and materials, procedures, observations/data collection, data analysis, and conclusions) | 4   | 3   | 4   | Very Valid |
| 4  | The use of images that are interesting and support the material/case presented                | 3   | 3   | 2   | Valid     |
| 5  | Use of language in accordance with EYD                                                        | 4   | 3   | 3   | Valid     |
| 6  | Simplicity of sentence structure                                                              | 3   | 4   | 4   | Valid     |
| 7  | Attractive LKS display                                                                       | 4   | 3   | 3   | Valid     |
| 8  | Efficiency of worksheets in relation to time                                                  | 4   | 3   | 4   | Very Valid |
| 9  | Efficiency of worksheets in relation to costs                                                 | 3   | 4   | 4   | Very Valid |

Results of Validation of Teaching Materials

A summary of the results of the validation of the Teaching Materials by three experts is presented in the following Table 4.

Table 4: Teaching Material Validation Results

| No | Validated Indicators/Aspects                                                                 | Validator | Modus | Category   |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
|    |                                                                                              | P.1 | P.2 | P.3 |          |
| 1  | The material is relevant to the competencies that students must master                        | 4   | 3   | 4   | Very Valid |
| 2  | Depth of description in accordance with the level of student development                     | 4   | 3   | 4   | Very Valid |
| 3  | The material presented is in accordance with scientific truth                                 | 4   | 3   | 3   | Valid     |
| 4  | The material presented in accordance with the latest developments                            | 3   | 3   | 2   | Valid     |
| 5  | The material presented in accordance with daily life                                          | 4   | 4   | 4   | Very Valid |
| 6  | Encourage students’ curiosity                                                                  | 3   | 2   | 3   | Valid     |
| 7  | Encourage student interaction with learning resources                                         | 3   | 2   | 3   | Valid     |
| 8  | Encourage students to build their own knowledge                                              | 3   | 2   | 3   | Valid     |
| 9  | Systematic order of matter                                                                    | 3   | 3   | 3   | Valid     |
| 10 | Sentence structure according to the level of understanding of students                        | 4   | 4   | 3   | Very Valid |
| 11 | Making paragraphs/paragraphs according to the level of student understanding                 | 3   | 2   | 3   | Valid     |
| 12 | Use of pictures that support the explanation/description of the material                      | 3   | 3   | 2   | Valid     |
| 13 | Presentation of the picture is equipped with a description of the picture                     | 4   | 3   | 4   | Very Valid |
| 14 | Spelling accuracy                                                                             | 3   | 3   | 2   | Valid     |
| 15 | Accuracy in terms of use                                                                       | 4   | 3   | 3   | Valid     |
| 16 | Accuracy in structuring sentences                                                             | 4   | 3   | 3   | Valid     |

Learning Test Validation Results

A summary of the results of the validation of the Learning Outcomes Test by three experts is presented in the following Table 4.

Table 5: Validation Results Learning Outcomes Test

| No | Validated Indicators/Aspects                                                                 | Validator | Modus | Category   |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
|    |                                                                                              | P.1 | P.2 | P.3 |          |
| 1  | Instructions in answering questions are given coherently and clearly                          | 4   | 4   | 4   | Very Valid |
| 2  | Each item is in accordance with the learning objectives                                       | 3   | 4   | 3   | Valid     |
| 3  | Use of language in accordance with EYD                                                        | 4   | 4   | 3   | Very Valid |
| 4  | Simplicity of sentence structure                                                              | 3   | 3   | 4   | Valid     |
Discussion of the Validity of Learning Devices

The validity of the learning kit includes syllabus, lesson plans, worksheets and teaching material on the topic of waste. The results of the assessment by the validators namely the device as a whole are declared valid. Based on the average criteria of the validator assessment results in table 4 states that the syllabus is classified as very valid. This is because most of the indicators for evaluating syllabus validity have received optimal scores from validators. Achievement scores that are classified as valid for each indicator are obtained because in the syllabus development process the researcher has compiled the syllabus according to the instructional design rules. Syllabus development refers to the principle of device development according to the provisions of the National Education Standards Agency (BSNP) so that a guided inquiry-based device is produced that is consistent with the 2006 curriculum.

The impact of a valid learning tool is that learning can be carried out practically and effectively. Practicality of learning is evident from the results of the assessment of student and teacher activities that are classified as very good. The effectiveness of learning is evident from the cognitive learning outcomes of products and processes that are classified as good. On the learning device, the product cognitive learning outcomes are assessed from the product cognitive tests at the end of the learning. Whereas the results of the performance skills are assessed based on the student performance appraisal scores using LKS.

The results of cognitive assessment of products, performance skills, student and teacher activities as well as student motivation are good because the devices used have been arranged according to the characteristics of the guided inquiry model. The guided inquiry model is effective learning in building students' abilities [7]. Overall student performance and student activity in learning are influenced by the guided inquiry model [8].

Through learning models based on guided inquiry models with scientific methods the learning atmosphere in the classroom becomes more student-centered so that it encourages students to be active. This is because the learning flow in the RPP motivates students to work actively solving problems. When students are active in learning activities, knowledge will be absorbed more. Referring to the guided inquiry model with a scientific approach to learning activities carried out by students in groups so as to make students active even for students who were previously classified as passive. Group activities in conducting activities at worksheets strongly support student learning environments.

CONCLUSION

The results of the validator's assessment of the learning tools include; syllabus, lesson plans, student worksheets, and teaching material. Before it was revised, it showed that there were several indicators which were declared less valid, namely systematic writing on the syllabus, inclusion of 5 M activities in learning activities and suitability of time allocation. In addition, other indicators are declared to be quite valid with minor revisions. The revisions made include systematic improvements and grammar improvements in accordance with the general guidelines for Indonesian spelling. After the revision, the science learning tool developed was declared to be very valid or could be used without revision.

The science learning tool developed are declared to be very valid, having the understanding of learning tools that are developed in accordance with the objectives to be achieved in this research and development, can measure student performance skills, and can motivate students. The validity of the science learning tool is also because the product developed has gone through a process of identifying learning objectives, conducting learning analyzes, and identifying student characteristics that are adapted to BSNP.

The science learning tool is declared to be very valid, an indicator that the product developed has been able to become a medium for training the XI grade students' performance skills on the topic of waste. The learning tool in which LKS is able to motivate students to practice performance skills is inseparable from the content contained in the teaching material itself, as in accordance with their life context so that it is easy for students to understand.

The validity of science learning tools is done by a validator. The results of the expert review have met the very valid category. Achievement of the category is very valid in the science learning tools because the products developed can practice performance skills, in accordance with students' cognitive development, which is to begin developing the ability to make hypothetical formulations and use abstract principles.

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