Data literacy assessment instrument for preparing 21 Cs literacy: preliminary study

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Abstract. This study aims to develop an instrument to measure data literacy. Data literacy is one of the 21st century literacy (21Cs) that needed face the Industrial Revolution 4.0 (4IR). The interpretations about the ability of students' data literacy are used as additional data. This study uses a modified instrument development stage, which consists of 6 stages. Sampling technique using purposive random sampling with a total sample 94 junior high school students. The results of the content validity test show that all questions are valid in content with a minimum Aiken's V value of 0.76. The validity and reliability test empirically using Parscale shows that the questions are valid and reliable to measure students with abilities of -2.8 to 2.1 logit scale. Based on the research it is concluded that the data literacy instrument can be used to test the initial ability of data literacy.

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1. Introduction

Industrial Revolution 4.0 (4IR) demands the world to produce educated workers who can manage and utilize Industry 4.0 [1]. Education plays an important role in preparing workers to have a set of abilities required by 4IR [2], this set of abilities is often referred to 21st Century skills (21Cs). There are three 21Cs categories, namely learning skills (critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication) [3], life skills (flexibility, leadership, initiative, productivity, social skills), and literacy skills. Literacy skill is a constructive, integrative and critical ability needed in daily life [4]. Literacy skills are new abilities that are still little introduced to students.

Literacy is ongoing proses, it is a set of abilities and skills of individuals to solve problems in everyday life [5] [4]. There are several literacy capabilities needed in 21Cs such as digital literacy [6] [7], scientific literacy [8], and information literacy. All literacy is related to other literacy and cannot stand alone, for example technological literacy will be related to digital literacy, while statistical literacy and information literacy will be related to data literacy [9] [10]. Basically, the more general a literacy will be, the wider the scope will be, and to develop the literacy capability, it will require the development of more specific basic literacy abilities.

One of the basic literacies that support 21Cs is data literacy. Data literacy is a new literacy that must be developed in Indonesia [11]. Through good data literacy skills, a person can make decisions appropriately [12], respond to situations wisely [13], and most importantly can prepare themselves to meet RI 4.0, for that data literacy ability is one of the most important skills taught to student.
Data literacy includes the ability to collect data [14], understand data [15], explain data [16], identify, interpret and implement data [17], communicate and evaluate data [18], use data [19], data analysis [20], and managing data [21]. This ability can be taught to students through formal or non-formal systems.

Promoting data literacy to students can be done by including it in a particular curriculum, seminar or training [22]. This study aims to develop instruments that can measure students’ data literacy abilities. This study also roughly describes the abilities of students’ initial data literacy.

2. Research method
This research focuses on the test preparation process. The preparation process follows the preparation of test and non-test instrument techniques [23]. In this study the modification of instrument preparation steps was carried out by eliminating the revision and trial stages.

**Table 1.** Stages of development of instrument to measure data literacy.

| Stages | Process                        | Descriptions                                                                 |
|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Prepare test specifications   | • The purpose of the test is to measure the pre-knowledge of data literacy   |
|        |                               | • Compile a grid, compile indicators, and make questions for each indicator.  |
|        |                               | • 10 multiple choice tests with 4 answer options                            |
| 2      | Draft the test                | • Writing multiple choice tests according to correct grammar                 |
| 3      | Review the test               | • The review process was carried out by 7 rater using the content validation instrument. |
| 4      | Trial the test                | • The trial was conducted on 94 8th grade students with a purposive sampling model |
| 5      | Analyze the test items        | • Analysis of content and cost validity using Aiken’s V                      |
|        |                               | • Analysis of empirical validity and reliability using IRT (Item Response Theory) with Quest and Parscale software |
| 6      | Interpreting test results     | • Determine which questions are appropriate to use based on the results of the analysis |

3. Results and Discussion
Analysis of the content validity of items using Aiken’s V can use several rating categories, with rating categories of at least 2 to 7 [24]. The results of Aiken’s V analysis can be seen in the table below.

**Table 2.** The results of the analysis of the items using Aiken’s V

| No Items | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Aiken’s V | 0.76 | 0.81 | 0.76 | 0.81 | 0.81 | 0.81 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.81 | 0.90 |
| V Value  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

Aiken’s V minimum value when using 7 rater and 4 answer criteria and 5% error tolerance is 0.76. Validation interpretation by comparing the calculated value of Aiken’s V with the minimum value of Aiken’s V. For example, in items 1 and 3 have Aiken’s V value of 0.76, this calculated value is the same as the minimum value of Aiken’s V so that the item is still declared valid in content. Based on this explanation it can be said that all items are valid in content.

An analysis of the results of empirical trials was carried out to see the compatibility of the items with the model. This analysis process uses Quest.
Figure 1. Distribution of items based on compatibility with the model.

Figure 1 shows the fit model using the MNSQ INFIT parameter. The vertical dotted point shows the received range of MNSQ INFIT, which is in the range of 0.75 to 1.25. From this picture it can be concluded that all items are within the range of values received so that all items are said to be fit with the model.

| ITEM NAME | SCORE | MAXSCR | THRSH | INFT | OUTFIT |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|------|--------|
| 1 item 1  | 21    | 94     | .16   | 1.06 | 1.00   |
| 2 item 2  | 27    | 94     | .33   | 1.01 | 1.05   |
| 5 item 5  | 44    | 94     | .04   | 1.27 | 1.30   |
| 6 item 6  | 46    | 94     | .05   | .78  | .71    |
| 10 item 10| 70    | 94     | -1.18 | 1.05 | 1.05   |

Figure 2. Item difficulty level analysis.

Figure 2 shows the analysis of the difficulty level for each item number 1 2, 5, 6 and 10 as representatives. In item number 1, only 21 students are correct, this item has a difficulty level of 1.16. In item number 10 there are 74 students who answered correctly, the difficulty level of this item is -1.18. Item no 1 is item that is more difficult than item number 2 and number 10. While item no. 10 is the easiest item. The level of difficulty is related to the number of questions answered correctly by students, in figure 2 the level of difficulty is shown in the THRSH column, the higher the THRSH value indicates that the item is more difficult.

The results of the analysis of the validity and reliability of 10 empirical questions, using the IRC software Parscale are presented in the form of a picture that shows the total information, Item characteristic curve, and item information curve.
Based on Figure 3, it can be seen that the value of information is 1.5 and the standard error is 0.56. In IRT analysis, the value of information is seen as reliability while the standard error is also called a measurement error. Reliability is inversely proportional to the standard error so that the greater the reliability the standard error will be lower. Based on this performance, it can be inferred that the instrument is reliable.

In IRT analysis, the scale score section shows the logit scale. The point of intersection between the blue line which is the value of information and the red line which is the standard error, shows the reliability of the questions in measuring data literacy of students. Based on the pictures it can be stated that the questions have a reliability level of 1.5 and can be used to measure the literacy ability of students who have a logit scale of -2.8 to 2.1. The greatest reliability is shown by the green line of 6.6 with a standard error of 0.21. This shows that this problem is best done by students with the ability of 0.4 logit scale.

On the item characteristic curve explained the value of \( a = 1.447 \) which shows the difference in power of items, and the value of \( b = 1.102 \). This value of \( b \) shows that the problem can be done by students who have the ability to logit scale 1.102 from the maximum scale 3. The probability level indicates the
sprobability of answering, probability value of 0.5 indicates the possibility of answering right or wrong is equal.

![Item Information Curve (IIC) problem number 1.](image)

**Figure 5.** Item Information Curve (IIC) problem number 1.

Figure 5 shows that item no 1 has an information value of 1.51 if it is done by students who have the ability to logit scale 1.1. Figure 3 shows the reliability of the questions in measuring data literacy of students while figures 4 and 5 show the level of validity of each item to measure the ability of students.

| No items | Aspects of Data Literacy | Indicators                                                                 | Percentage (%) |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1        | Identifying              | • Determine data in accordance with the circumstances                      | 22             |
| 2        | Analysing                | • Determine the veracity of statements with data                           | 29             |
| 3        | Communicating            | • Determine the relationship between data                                  | 34             |
| 4        | Evaluating               | • Explain data in simple language                                         | 41             |
| 5        | Processing               | • Decide what steps to take based on data                                 | 47             |
| 6        | Using                    | • Perform mathematical processes on data                                  | 49             |
| 7        | Distinguishing           | • Using data to solve a problem                                           | 53             |
| 8        | Implementing             | • Select data to draw conclusions                                         | 54             |
| 9        | Interpreting             | • Classifying an event in a particular law based on data                  | 73             |
|          |                          | • Determine the value of an object based on data                          | 74             |

Table 3 shows a rough calculation of the level of achievement of data literacy indicators. Based on table 3 it can be concluded that the ability of student data literacy in general is still low and the lowest ability on determine data in accordance with the circumstances, this can be seen from the level of achievement per indicator that does not reach 75%.
4. Conclusion

Data literacy skills are very important to face the Industry 4.0. The development of these skills can be started by identifying students’ data literacy. The identification process can be done in various ways including with the test. The developed data literacy questions are valid and reliable to measure the ability of students’ data literacy which has a logit scale value of -2.8 to 2.1. The results of the calculation of achievement indicators of data literacy show students data literacy skills are still quite low.

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