

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES' ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITIES: IMPRESSIONS FROM THE LABOR SECTOR

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ABSTRACT

English knowledge, skills and abilities are the core of the four major macro skills which are requirements for graduates to have a promising career. This study investigated on the reading, writing and speaking skills of the fresh Bahraini graduates and identified its implications to the impressions of the labor force. Statistical tools like the mean and the T-test were used and thereby revealed that there are gaps between the impression and the results of the assessments. The participants dominated by female young executives have high expectations from the fresh graduates; however, the assessments' results revealed a moderately satisfaction among the participants and there are interventions needed for better performance of the fresh graduates that exhibit the reading, writing and speaking skills of the fresh graduates in English.

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