Questionnaire 2 – Common Beliefs about Teaching & Learning Foreign Languages

Please read the following statements about foreign language teaching and learning and indicate whether you “strongly agree”, “agree”, “disagree” or “strongly disagree” with them on the basis of your own learning/teaching experiences or beliefs. If you are not sure about your answer, please check the last box “not sure”. Thank you!

* Required

1. Your name *

2. Learning a foreign language primarily means mastering its structures and vocabulary.
   - [ ] Strongly agree
   - [ ] Agree
   - [ ] Strongly disagree
   - [ ] Disagree
   - [ ] Not sure

3. Foreign language learners acquire grammar only through explicit instruction.
   - [ ] Strongly agree
   - [ ] Agree
   - [ ] Strongly disagree
   - [ ] Disagree
   - [ ] Not sure

4. Foreign languages are best learned through memorization and imitation.
   - [ ] Strongly agree
   - [ ] Agree
   - [ ] Strongly disagree
   - [ ] Disagree
   - [ ] Not sure

5. Concepts are easier to understand if they are translated into English.
   - [ ] Strongly agree
   - [ ] Agree
   - [ ] Strongly disagree
   - [ ] Disagree
   - [ ] Not sure
6. Languages can be picked up at any age just by watching movies.
   
   [☐] Strongly agree
   [☐] Agree
   [☐] Strongly disagree
   [☐] Disagree
   [☐] Not sure

7. Children and adults learn languages differently.
   
   [☐] Strongly agree
   [☐] Agree
   [☐] Strongly disagree
   [☐] Disagree
   [☐] Not sure

8. Heritage and non-heritage learners of Hindi or Urdu learn differently.
   
   [☐] Strongly agree
   [☐] Agree
   [☐] Strongly disagree
   [☐] Disagree
   [☐] Not sure

9. Curriculum is determined by the textbook.
   
   [☐] Strongly agree
   [☐] Agree
   [☐] Strongly disagree
   [☐] Disagree
   [☐] Not sure

10. Thematic organization of learning units promotes language learning.
    
    [☐] Strongly agree
    [☐] Agree
    [☐] Strongly disagree
    [☐] Disagree
    [☐] Not sure

11. Good assessment practices lead to improved learning.
12. Assessment is done at the end of a unit or chapter.
   - Strongly agree
   - Agree
   - Strongly disagree
   - Disagree
   - Not sure

13. Primary purpose of assessment is to test students and assign grades.
   - Strongly agree
   - Agree
   - Strongly disagree
   - Disagree
   - Not sure

14. Students must master the basics of Hindi/Urdu script before they can start learning the language.
   - Strongly agree
   - Agree
   - Strongly disagree
   - Disagree
   - Not sure

15. Students’ speaking ability can be measured objectively and holistically.
   - Strongly agree
   - Agree
   - Strongly disagree
   - Disagree
   - Not sure

16. In a student-centered classroom, teacher is not a “sage on the stage” but a “guide on the side”.
17. Teachers and students should use the target language (Hindi or Urdu) almost 90% of the class time.

18. Culture needs to be taught in a separate culture class.

19. Teachers can help struggling learners by teaching them learning strategies that match their learning styles.

20. In a foreign language classroom, students should learn only "proper" (formal) variety of Hindi or Urdu.