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# 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY TEACHING, DIGITAL READINESS, AND MOTIVATION: INSIGHTS FROM FILIPINO HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

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## ABSTRACT

**Aims:** This study aims to investigate the teachers' live experiences in teaching Filipino in senior high schools in Region 12. It utilizes the mixed method focusing on the explanatory sequential design to analyze the relationships between the level of teachers in the 21st century of teaching, digital readiness, and motivation in teaching Filipino among senior high school teachers.

**Study design:** An explanatory sequential mixed method design was employed for this study.

**Place and Duration of Study:** The study was conducted at the public senior high school of Region 12, using a stratified random sampling technique to select 400 teachers for the academic year 2024-2025.

**Methodology:** 400 teachers were selected, and data was collected through e-surveys using three questionnaires. The mean, Pearson correlation coefficient (r), regression, and thematic analysis were utilized for data analysis. Purposive sampling is the method used to select participants in the qualitative design, using a guided questionnaire to gather data from In-depth interviews and focus group discussions. The 21st-century teaching and digital readiness of senior high school teachers were found to have a significant relationship with teachers' motivation in teaching Filipino.

**Results:** It has been discovered that the teaching motivation of teachers was at the highest level while the two variables were at a high level, meaning that the respondents frequently exhibited them. The teachers' 21st-century teaching and digital readiness have a significant relationship with their motivation in teaching Filipino. Choosing the digital citizenship, dispositions, planning blended activities, and planning blended assessment in 21st-century teaching. The participation of teachers with digital tool applications, digital applications, digital media awareness, information search skills, and information sharing behavior are indicators of digital readiness. This indicates that 21st-century teaching, digital readiness, and participation of teachers play an important role in the motivation of teaching Filipino in the secondary schools of Region 12.

**Conclusion:** The study showed a positive relationship between 21st-century teaching, digital readiness, and motivation in teaching in Filipino among senior high school teachers. The high mean scores (21st Century Teaching: 4.17; Digital Readiness: 4.08; Motivation: 4.32) and low standard deviation indicate a high level of knowledge and skills among teachers in using technology. The quantitative results revealed a significant correlation (r-value: .647, p-value: .000) between the mentioned variables, suggesting that high knowledge of digital tools leads to increased motivation in teaching. The F-value of 231.833, R-value of .734, and R<sup>2</sup> of .539 demonstrate that 21st Century Teaching and Knowledge in Digital Readiness have a 54% impact on teachers' motivation.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

One possible reason for student failure and decline is the use of ineffective teaching methods. One reason for the failure in teaching foreign languages in Turkey is the loss of motivation. Similarly, in Indonesia, there is a low level of proficiency in Mathematics due to unengaging learning experiences and a lack of motivation. (Yilmaz et al., 1-13; Andrian et al., 259-272). This indicates that if teachers lack motivation to teach a lesson, it results in poor outcomes, and students are also not very interested in learning their subjects. (Tambunan, 42-47; Yilmaz et al., 1-13; Andrian et al., 259-272).

Teachers' motivation is one of the key elements of learning and teaching. They are the individuals who constantly interact with students, implement the curriculum, direct the teaching process, and evaluate both students and teaching. The education system's success truly depends on the qualifications of the teachers who will operate and implement the learning system (Yildiz 119-131; Almaiah et al. 3197).

According to Jumaboyeva (84–88) and Bardach (283–297), motivation is important in teaching because students learn by engaging in the teaching process. Self-confidence and self-esteem can be pathways to encouragement, which may be key to effective learning. Evidence from the study shows that the mechanics of incentives motivated more engineering students to engage in higher-quality activities that benefit their studies (Rincon-Flores et al. 49).

On the other hand, Hossein-Mohand (341-352), Lalima (129-136), and Holmes (21-34) have confirmed the relationship between motivation and teaching the Filipino subject in the 21st century, particularly regarding student performance. The use of technology in secondary education for mathematics learning is influential and beneficial for their studies and the improvement of their academic performance. Evidence has established a significant correlation between the use of ICT for educational purposes and students' academic level, as well as the time spent on the Internet for educational purposes. The study by Qasem and Viswanathappa (11 vol.) further supports the idea that a positive perception of teachers towards integrating ICT aids in the rapid advancement of technology and teaching. Ahmadi (115-125), Ryn (99-119), and De Villa (44-154) also emphasized that the use of technology indicates an improvement in students' language learning skills.

Motivation in teaching and digital readiness are closely related because the preparation of students for online classes and the methods of using technological tools have become significant. Today, technology is among students' most important sources of knowledge, through cell phones, laptops, computers, and projectors. Research shows that technology helps in finding the information sought. In short, technology aids people by speeding up various tasks in daily life, as noted in the 1989 Filipino Language Dictionary, which was referenced in Albano's study.

A study on digital readiness found that less than 1% of students had no access to a personal computer, and self-reported skills in using digital tools, as well as behaviors related to information sharing, were at a moderate level. However, according to the journal by Beaunoyer et al. (106424) and Turkoglu (765-772), university administrators should be aware that a rapid shift to digital learning may result in digital inequality.

On the other hand, teachers serve as one of the most important elements of our educational system, motivating teaching the Filipino subject to make it beneficial for students (Comighud et al. 1-15). Teachers are encouraged to perform their duties, and in addition, they aim to achieve positive evaluation results to contribute to a better school organization and administration in education. The study also revealed that the three motivating factors have a

72 direct positive relationship with the level of teacher motivation, indicating that health and  
73 safety yield the highest emphasis on the level of teacher instruction (Revilla et al. 96-108).  
74 The study by Salayo (74-95) demonstrated that the participants remained buoyant and  
75 resilient in facing the academic challenges brought about by the sudden shift in learning  
76 modalities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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78 The most important theory regarding motivation in teaching is based on the Self-  
79 Determination Theory (SDT) by Deci and Ryan (1985). According to this theory, a teacher's  
80 motivation is divided into two main categories: Intrinsic and Extrinsic. This is supported by  
81 Porter and Lawler's model (1968), Vroom's theory (1964), and other expectancy-valence  
82 formulations, which propose an intrinsic and extrinsic work motivation model. This theory  
83 focuses on how an individual's motivation depends on their expectations of the outcomes of  
84 their actions.

85 One of the supporting theories is the Goal-Setting Theory, which emphasizes the importance  
86 of goal-setting in enhancing motivation and performance. Educators who set specific,  
87 challenging goals for their teaching practices will likely be more motivated and effective in  
88 their professional roles (Locke et al. 103-116). The third theory is Maslow's Hierarchy of  
89 Needs, which supports and suggests that individuals are driven by a hierarchy ranging from  
90 basic physiological needs to self-actualization. Teachers who have their basic needs met are  
91 more likely to experience higher motivations, such as self-fulfillment and personal growth in  
92 their teaching careers (Maslow 10-30).

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94 Zou et al. (272-286) demonstrated and agreed that teachers' and students' intrinsic  
95 motivation for teaching are significant contributors to effective teaching and learning. The  
96 results showed that teachers' intrinsic motivation for teaching is significantly positively  
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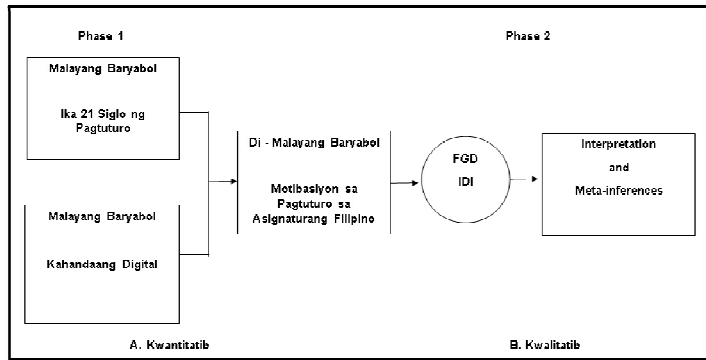
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99 This is also based on the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) (Davis, 1989), which  
100 pertains to 21st-century teaching with two factors determining whether potential users will  
101 accept a computer system: (1) perceived usefulness and (2) perceived ease of use. The  
102 main feature of this model is its emphasis on the perspectives of potential users. This model  
103 asserts that using technology in teaching is effective if the teacher believes it is helpful to  
104 their students.

105 TPACK stands for Technological, Pedagogical, and Content Knowledge. This framework  
106 examines the interplay of three grouped components: Content Knowledge (CK), Pedagogy  
107 (PK), and Technology (TK), and explores ways in which these areas intersect. While it is  
108 often compared to SAMR, these are relatively different models, with TPACK offering a less  
109 linear approach to thinking about the integration of technology into teaching (Mishra 1017-  
110 1054).

111 The study's findings indicated that TPACK is an important tool for assessing teachers'  
112 knowledge in technology integration, with teachers' ICT knowledge being above average in  
113 both groups and a significant difference noted between the experimental and control groups  
114 on the ICT knowledge scale. Recommendations were made for future research on online  
115 collaboration activities to raise awareness of factors related to online group work, determine  
116 the in-service training needs of teachers in utilizing ICT for follow-up support, and ensure the  
117 successful use of new technologies (Alberta 44-59).

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119 In the diagram, the relationship between 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching, digital readiness, and  
120 motivation in teaching Filipino can be seen.



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122 **Figure 1. Conceptual Model Showing the Direct Relationship of Latent Exogenous**  
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124 However, this study examined the relationship between the free variables of 21st-century  
 125 teaching and digital readiness, alongside the non-free motivation variable in teaching Filipino  
 126 among senior high school teachers, under phase one of quantitative research. 21st-century  
 127 teaching is assessed through indicators such as technical literacy, digital citizenship,  
 128 planning and managing blended activities and assessments, personalizing instruction, and  
 129 facilitating interactions between teachers and students and between students and content.  
 130 Digital readiness is evaluated based on indicators including digital tool application, the use of  
 131 digital applications, and awareness of digital media, information retrieval skills, and  
 132 information-sharing behavior. Lastly, motivation in teaching is measured through indicators  
 133 of personal efficacy (context), personal competence (general), effort, teaching excellence,  
 134 and the effectiveness of outcomes. Under phase two are the focus group discussions  
 135 (FGDs) and in-depth interviews (IDIs), qualitative research methods that facilitate a rich,  
 136 nuanced understanding of participants' experiences and perspectives. When conducting  
 137 these methods, gathering comprehensive data that captures the complexity of the  
 138 participants' views is crucial. After collecting the information, careful interpretation of the  
 139 findings is essential to identify key themes and patterns. This interpretation allows  
 140 researchers to draw meta-inferences, which involve synthesizing insights across multiple  
 141 data sources to uncover overarching trends and insights. By integrating the responses from  
 142 FGDs and IDIs, researchers can develop a holistic understanding of the subject matter,  
 143 ultimately enriching the research findings and contributing to informed decision-making or  
 144 policy development.

145 This research aims to determine the level of 21st-century teaching based on the indicators of  
 146 technical literacy, digital citizenship, planning and managing blended activities and  
 147 assessments, personalizing instruction, and facilitating interactions between teachers and  
 148 students and between students and content. To measure the level of knowledge in digital  
 149 readiness for learning among senior high school teachers through digital tool application, the  
 150 use of digital applications, awareness of digital media, skills in information retrieval, and  
 151 behavior in information sharing. To ascertain the level of knowledge on teacher motivation in  
 152 high school teaching through personal efficacy: context, personal competence, general  
 153 effort, teaching competence, and the effectiveness of the outcome. To identify the significant  
 154 relationship between 21st-century teaching, digital readiness, and motivation in teaching the  
 155 Filipino. What are teachers' experiences in 21st-century teaching and digital readiness that  
 156 shape their perspectives and beliefs regarding motivation in teaching the Filipino subject?  
 157 Moreover, how can the qualitative data be validated against the results of quantitative data?  
 158 Although there have been studies mentioned and to the researcher's knowledge, there have  
 159 not been many local studies conducted to determine whether there is a relationship between  
 160 21st-century teaching, digital readiness, and motivation in teaching the Filipino. Thus, the

161 researchers were encouraged to conduct a study to help raise awareness about the various  
162 motivations in teaching Filipino among senior high school teachers, achieve the goal of  
163 providing quality and high-level education, and enhance the outcomes of its academic  
164 programs. Accordingly, this study aims to address the mentioned gaps.  
165 Enhancing teacher motivation and professional development is essential for improving  
166 teacher performance, especially in vocational education. Studies show that professional  
167 development enhances skills and recognizes teachers with a high level of competence  
168 (Tonga et al. 88-104; Zeng 1-6). This study is important worldwide as it will serve as a  
169 foundation for future research on motivation in teaching Filipinos. The leadership of Region  
170 XII and the teachers significantly contribute to creating programs that develop teachers'  
171 motivation to teach Filipino and inspire and spark students' interest in learning Filipino with  
172 the help of technology.

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174 Through this study, students will be helped to better understand themselves, especially in  
175 terms of motivation to teach Filipinos through technology. The leadership of the Department  
176 of Education of Region XII should implement methods or training to assist Filipino teachers  
177 in motivating students to learn through the help of technology. The 21st-century teaching  
178 emphasizes the integration of digital tools and critical thinking to prepare students for a  
179 rapidly changing world. Filipino high school teachers in the community recognize the need  
180 for digital readiness to enhance engagement and learning outcomes despite challenges like  
181 limited resources and access. Motivation remains key, as teachers actively inspire students  
182 to embrace technology and adapt to new learning methods for future success.

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184 Through this, students will develop an interest in learning Filipino as our national language.  
185 Other researchers related to this type of study could use the results of this study as a basis  
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## 189 **2. MATERIAL AND METHODS**

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### 191 **2.1. Research Design**

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193 This research used a mixed-method model focusing on explanatory sequential design. In  
194 this model, the researcher combined quantitative and qualitative data to analyze the  
195 research problem (Creswell, 2013) comprehensively. A mixed-methods study would benefit  
196 this research as it utilizes the strengths of both quantitative and qualitative approaches to  
197 support the research questions. The quantitative and qualitative methods should be  
198 complementary approaches that, when integrated, offer broader options for investigating a  
199 range of important educational topics.

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201 The results will be analyzed, and then the findings will be developed and explained in more  
202 detail using qualitative research. This is considered explanatory because the initial results  
203 from the quantitative data are further explained alongside qualitative data. Both data types  
204 will be collected, analyzed, compared, and interpreted (Gay & Airasian, 2003, p. 20). The  
205 researcher used a structured questionnaire for the quantitative part and interview guide  
206 questions for the qualitative part during interviews with the participants. The use of interview  
207 guide questions ensures consistency in the questions posed to all interviewees.  
208 Furthermore, this instrument is essential to ensure that no important points are forgotten  
209 during the interviews conducted by the researcher.

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211 The research process comprised two distinct stages for collecting, analyzing, and  
212 interpreting data. In the first stage, the researcher obtained permission from five secondary  
213 schools in Region XII to conduct the study, administered survey questionnaires, and

214 collected responses. The necessary information and instructions were provided with the  
215 questionnaires, and data collection and tabulation followed the receipt of all responses.  
216 Outlier effects were addressed through data scrubbing, and the cleaned data was sent to a  
217 statistician for analysis.

218 In the second stage, the researcher focused on the experiences of teachers who graduated  
219 with a Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED) in Filipino. Thematic analysis was  
220 employed to analyze interview responses, allowing for interpretation of key themes. The  
221 researcher reviewed interview transcripts multiple times to capture the participants' thoughts,  
222 perceptions, and emotions, highlighting significant statements about their experiences in  
223 teaching the Filipino subject using blended modality.

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225 Throughout the study, the researcher adhered to ethical standards concerning voluntary  
226 participation, confidentiality, informed consent, and various ethical practices to ensure the  
227 integrity of the research.

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229 The researcher adhered to and followed the ethical standards of this study, such as  
230 voluntary participation, privacy and confidentiality, informed consent process, recruitment,  
231 risks, benefits, plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, conflict of interest (COI), deceit,  
232 observation, technology issues, focus group participants' identification, permission from  
233 organization/location, and authorship.

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235 For a broader and more meaningful interpretation and study of the data, the researcher  
236 utilized the following statistics: Mean, Pearson correlation coefficient ( $r$ ), Regression, and  
237 Thematic Analysis. The researcher also employed Key Informant Interviews (KII) to gather  
238 data for this study. Before conducting the interviews with the participants, the researcher  
239 presented a consent letter informing them of the research's purpose. They had to sign this  
240 consent form as proof of their agreement to participate in the interview. Furthermore, the  
241 researcher explained that all information they obtained would remain confidential, especially  
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244 On the interview day, participants were allowed to ask questions and seek clarification on  
245 the researcher's inquiries. Subsequently, the researcher ensured that the participants'  
246 responses were accurately recorded through audio recording to maintain the validity and  
247 appropriateness of the responses noted. Participants were also allowed to add to or modify  
248 their answers. After recording the participants' responses, they signed the transcript as proof  
249 of their agreement with what the researcher recorded. Finally, after interviewing all  
250 participants, the researcher transcribed the recorded interviews.

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## 253 **2.2. Research Respondents**

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255 The respondents of this study are 400 senior high school teachers from various secondary  
256 schools in Region 12 who officially teach the subject of Filipino during the Academic Year  
257 2023-2024. They come from the School Division Offices of Tacurong City, General Santos  
258 City, Sarangani, and Koronadal City. To determine the 400 participants, the researcher  
259 followed the rules and advice of Parsons, 1-11, and utilized stratified random sampling. Only  
260 teachers officially teaching in senior high school were included in the stratified sampling  
261 technique. Regarding the number of participants, there are several arguments from experts.  
262 Ismael (5) explained that there should be 400 participants to establish a connection. This  
263 sample size is generally sufficient to identify significant differences or trends, especially in  
264 large populations and moderate effects. This scope provides a 95% level of confidence and  
265 a 5% margin of error, which is considered the standard in most studies. This means there is  
266 a 95% probability that the results are correct and accurate, and the error does not exceed

267 5% from the actual value (Hsu 1-15; Cramer et al., 633-647; Krejcie 607-610). According to  
268 Frankel et al. (429), the minimum acceptable sample size is 400, and any sample size below  
269 this may result in inaccurate results or misinterpretation of the data.  
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271 The respondents' participation in the research study was approved by Region XII and  
272 involved five divisions. Participation was voluntary, with teachers required to attend an  
273 orientation to understand the information needed. Primary participants included teachers  
274 with five or more years of experience teaching Filipino, permitted by school administrators in  
275 Region XII. Teachers absent during data collection could still participate; however, those  
276 who do not teach Filipino or have less than five years of experience were excluded from the  
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279 The study focuses on teachers with five or more years of experience teaching Filipino in  
280 public secondary schools within Region XII. Only these teachers, approved by school  
281 administrators, will serve as primary participants. Those not present during the data  
282 collection can still participate, while teachers who do not teach Filipino or have less than five  
283 years of experience will be excluded. Participation is voluntary, allowing teachers to  
284 withdraw without penalties and retaining their rights and benefits.  
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286 The qualitative section will include demographic information, using pseudonyms to ensure  
287 confidentiality. A total of 15 participants will be involved: 10 will undergo in-depth interviews  
288 (IDI), and five will participate in a focused group discussion (FGD). Participants were  
289 selected through purposive sampling to ensure they possess relevant experience relevant to  
290 the study's objectives. This research was conducted in various cities within Region XII.  
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### 292 **2.3. Research Instrument**

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294 This study utilized downloaded questionnaires from web sources. The instrument used to  
295 analyze 21st-century teaching competencies was adapted from "Teachers' Competencies in  
296 Educational Technology Integration on Instructional Methodologies in the New Normal" by  
297 Jayson L. De Vera of the Philippine Normal University. It includes indicators such as  
298 technical literacy, digital citizenship, dispositions, planning blended tasks, planning blended  
299 assessments, personalizing instruction, managing teacher-student interactions, managing  
300 student-content interactions, implementing blended assessments, reflection and evaluation,  
301 managing blended learning environments, and managing blended learning activities,  
302 comprising a total of sixty-five (65) questions.

303 The instrument to analyze digital readiness was adapted from "Digital Readiness, Academic  
304 Motivation, and Learning Strategies: A Structural Approach to Motivation in Writing  
305 Performance of Freshmen College Students." It aims to measure the level of knowledge in  
306 digital tool applications, digital usage, awareness of digital media, information retrieval skills,  
307 and information-sharing behavior. Modifications were made to the items to tailor them to the  
308 present study, with indicators such as digital tool applications, digital application usage,  
309 awareness of digital media, information retrieval skills, and information-sharing behavior,  
310 totaling seventeen (17) questions. The responses for each item related to digital knowledge  
311 were measured using descriptive equivalents and interpretations.

312 The third part focuses on the motivation for teaching the Filipino subject, derived from an  
313 instrument adapted from "Teachers' Motivation for Teaching in Higher Education:  
314 Portuguese Validation of a Questionnaire." This instrument consists of six sections  
315 comprising twenty-three (23) questions with indicators such as personal relevance, context,  
316 personal excellence, general effort, teaching, and outcome effectiveness. The responses for  
317 each item related to motivation for teaching Filipino will utilize specific measurement scales,  
318 descriptive equivalents, and interpretations.

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 320 The three questionnaires used a 5-point Likert Scale; the range of means starts from 1.00 to  
 321 5.00, with levels from lowest to highest and corresponding interpretations for each number.  
 322 The mean range of 1.00-1.79 corresponds to the lowest level with an interpretation of "never  
 323 demonstrated," 1.80-2.59 as low, 2.60-3.39 as moderate, 3.40-4.19 as high, and 4.20-5.00  
 324 as the highest. All mentioned questions and descriptive scales underwent rigorous validation  
 325 by a panel of six (6) qualified experts, achieving an average score of 4.5.  
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327 The researcher conducted a pilot test to assess the effectiveness of the instruments. The  
 328 distribution of the instruments was followed by the analysis of the Cronbach Alpha from the  
 329 pilot testing. The 21st-century teaching competencies had a Cronbach Alpha on  
 330 standardized items of .97, digital readiness was .95, and motivation for teaching the Filipino  
 331 subject had a reliability statistic result of .95. Overall, the pilot testing received a Cronbach  
 332 Alpha of 0.90 – 1.00, indicating excellent internal consistency. The researcher coordinated  
 333 with each school's program heads or coordinators to facilitate data distribution and  
 334 collection. The researcher created a group chat to streamline and economize the data  
 335 gathering and collection  
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### 337 **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

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#### 339 **3.1. 21st Century Teaching of Teachers in Senior High School**

340 Table 1 illustrates that the Level of 21st-century Teaching among Senior High School  
 341 teachers has a standard deviation of 0.61 and an impressive mean score of 4.17. This  
 342 indicates a descriptive level categorized as 'high,' signifying that the principles of 21st-  
 343 century teaching are frequently exhibited and effectively managed through meaningful  
 344 pedagogical approaches that incorporate modern technology.  
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346 **Table 1. Levels of 21st Century Teaching**

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Indicators	SD	Mean	Descriptive Level
Technical Literacy	0.67	4.02	High
Digital Citizenship	0.61	4.36	Highest
Disposition	0.56	4.41	Highest
Planning Blended Activities	0.64	4.24	Highest
Planning Blended Assessment	0.65	4.22	Highest
Personalizing Instructions	0.68	4.12	High
Managing Student Interaction	0.74	4.11	High
Managed the Teacher-Student Interaction	0.68	4.18	High
Manage the Student-Knowledge Interaction	0.75	4.11	High
Implementation of Blended Assessment	0.72	4.12	High



Analysis and Reflection	0.73	4.12	High
Management of Blended Learning Context	0.76	4.09	High
Management of Blended Learning Activities	0.76	4.12	High
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>High</b>

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The study highlights key indicators of effective blended learning, showing high mean scores and varying standard deviations. Notable indicators include **Dispositions** (4.41, SD: 0.56), indicating effective blended teaching in Filipino instruction; **Digital Citizenship** (4.36, SD: 0.61), reflecting teachers' skills in online knowledge sharing; and **Planning of Blended Assessment** (4.24, SD: 0.64), which signifies the efficiency and accessibility of online assessments. Additionally, **Planning of Blended Activities** (4.22, SD: 0.65) enhances online and personal skills, while **Managed Interactions between Teacher and Student** (4.18, SD: 0.68) reveals improved communication via online platforms. Other important indicators include **Management of Blended Learning Activities** (4.12, SD: 0.76) and **Evaluation and Remediation** (4.12, SD: 0.73), emphasizing varied assessment methods. With scores of 4.11, additional indicators related to managed student interactions showcase opportunities for collaborative learning. Finally, the **Managed Blended Learning Environment** (4.09, SD: 0.76) and **Technical Literacy** (4.02, SD: 0.67) highlight the ongoing integration of technology in education, reinforcing their positive impact on student development. Overall, the analysis demonstrates the effective implementation of blended learning strategies and educators' dedication to enhancing student engagement and achievement.

This finding is supported by the studies conducted by Purba (1486-1497), Esman (46-62), and Del Mundo (2643-9876), which collectively reveal that senior high school teachers exhibit high proficiency in 21st-century digital skills and technology integration. Furthermore, Despojo (316) corroborates this assertion in his research, indicating that senior high school teachers demonstrate advanced competencies in 21st-century skills, media literacy, and digital literacy, as well as essential life and professional skills. This underscores the teachers' readiness to effectively engage in modern educational practices and prepare students for a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

A study by Nguyen et al. (2023) found that despite the importance of digital readiness for learning, the overwhelming amount of digital tools and platforms teachers are expected to master can lead to digital overload. Teachers who were not given enough training or time to adapt to these technologies reported feeling stressed, negatively affecting their motivation. The study concluded that the rapid integration of digital technologies without proper support could overwhelm teachers and hinder their motivation to effectively engage in the teaching process.

### 3.2. Digital Readiness of Senior High School Teacher

Table 2 reveals that the level of knowledge concerning digital readiness for learning among senior high school teachers is characterized by a total standard deviation of 0.75 and a mean score of 4.08, categorizing it within the descriptive level of "high." This finding signifies a robust foundation of knowledge and a strong consensus among educators regarding integrating technology in teaching and learning. The high mean score reflects the educators' confidence and proficiency in utilizing digital tools to enhance instructional effectiveness and student engagement.

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**Table 2. Levels of Digital Readiness**

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Descriptive Level</b>
Digital Tool Application	0.88	3.91	High
Use of Digital Applications	0.76	4.29	Highest
Awareness of Digital Media	0.87	4.02	High
Information Retrieval Skills	0.81	4.06	High
Information-sharing Behavior	0.78	4.13	High
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>4.08</b>	<b>High</b>

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The indicator for the use of digital applications has a standard deviation of 0.76 and a mean score of 4.29, indicating that teachers in senior high school possess a very high level of knowledge due to seminars, workshops, and other activities that help them develop their skills using modern technology. The indicator for the behavior of sharing information received a high response from the participants, with a standard deviation of 0.78 and a mean score of 4.13. This means that teachers have a high level of knowledge in using modern technology, regardless of their age, as skills are acquired and utilized in teaching due to their consistent participation in training programs intended for such skills.

The skill in information searching has a standard deviation of 0.81 and a mean score of 4.06, and awareness of digital media has a standard deviation of 0.87 and a mean score of 4.02. In contrast, using digital tool applications has a standard deviation of 0.88 and a mean score of 3.91. All of these indicators show a high tendency for integrating technology in teaching and learning, considering that there are times when teachers face challenges and exert personal effort to share knowledge with students and make daily lessons meaningful.

According to the research conducted by Anh (3), Rahmania (95-104), and Porque (60-76), senior high school teachers exhibit a high level of digital readiness. The findings reveal that English teachers have successfully equipped themselves with robust skills in both pedagogy and technology. However, as the landscape of modern, rapidly evolving technology presents new challenges, it is essential for educators to continually refine and enhance their technological competencies to engage and educate their students effectively. This ongoing pursuit of professional development is crucial in navigating the complexities of integrating technology into teaching practices and ensuring educators remain adaptable in an ever-changing digital environment.

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### **3.3. Teacher Motivation in Senior High School**

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Table 3 illustrates that the level of knowledge regarding motivation among senior high school teachers is characterized by a standard deviation of 0.58 and an overall mean score of 4.32. This score falls within the 'very high' descriptive level, signifying that these educators consistently exhibit a strong motivation in teaching the Filipino subject.

**Table 3. Level of Knowledge on Teacher Motivation in Senior High School**

Indicators	SD	Mean	Descriptive Level
Personal Efficacy: Context	0.75	4.18	High
Personal Efficacy: General	0.59	4.36	Highest
Effort	0.60	4.51	Highest
Teaching Efficacy	0.73	4.23	Highest
Outcome Efficacy	0.69	4.32	Highest
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>4.32</b>	<b>Highest</b>

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The indicator of effort reveals a standard deviation of 0.60 and a mean score of 4.51, suggesting that teachers consistently strive to make daily discussions engaging and impactful, enhancing their effectiveness as educators for their students. In examining the indicator of personal excellence, the overall standard deviation is 0.59, accompanied by a mean score of 4.36. The effectiveness of outcomes, measured by a standard deviation of 0.69 and a mean score of 4.32, highlights the positive impact of their efforts.

Additionally, the indicator for teaching excellence shows a standard deviation of 0.73 with a mean score of 4.23. At the same time, the personal relevance context displays a standard deviation of 0.75 and a mean score of 4.18. Collectively, these findings provide strong evidence that the participants exhibit exceptionally high levels of self-motivation. They recognize it as their sworn duty to commit wholeheartedly to the growth and development of their students, thereby ensuring that their teaching remains meaningful and transformative in their daily lives.

Research conducted by Onyefulu (37-65), Halimahturrafiah (362-369), and Gautam (1-56) reveals that the majority of teachers possess a strong knowledge base and skill set in utilizing ICT tools, including computers, laptops, mobile phones, multimedia applications, social media platforms, social networking, and mobile-assisted language learning technologies. The integration of ICT in English Language Teaching (ELT) has significantly enriched the teaching and learning experience, enabling educators to master new technologies, refining their technical competencies, and enhancing the overall quality of the instructional process. This transition from traditional pedagogical methods to modern approaches has fostered a more engaging learning environment. Additionally, workplace motivation is critical in influencing teacher performance, as evidence suggests that increased job motivation correlates positively with improved performance among public school teachers in senior high schools.

### 3.4. Significant Relationship between 21st Century Teaching and Knowledge on Teacher Motivation in Senior High School

Table 4.1 shows a significant relationship between 21st Century Teaching and Knowledge in Motivating Senior High School Teachers, with an r-value of .725 and a probability value of .000, much lower than the .05 level of significance set in this study. Therefore, the null hypothesis is rejected, and the alternative hypothesis is supported by the fact that there is a significant relationship between 21st Century Teaching and Knowledge in Motivating Senior High School Teachers.

471 This table's results indicate a significant connection between the 21st Century Teaching of  
 472 teachers and the Motivation of Senior High School Teachers. This means that when  
 473 teachers' 21st Century Teaching skills are high, their knowledge and motivation are also  
 474 high. This implies that 21st Century Teaching plays an important role in teachers' ability to  
 475 understand motivation in teaching, particularly regarding all the indicators of 21st-century  
 476 teaching. A teacher's success in teaching is significantly related to how well they can engage  
 477 students in learning. Research has shown that in 21st Century Teaching, to avoid student  
 478 boredom and lack of interest or motivation, teachers should effectively plan and manage  
 479 blended learning activities.

480 On the other hand, the study by Koh et al. (2020) showed that the rapid pace of  
 481 technological advancements and the increasing expectation for teachers to use digital tools  
 482 can lead to technological overload. This overload occurs when teachers are required to learn  
 483 and manage multiple digital platforms and tools without sufficient training or time for  
 484 adaptation. The study noted that teachers, especially those with less experience in digital  
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 486 teach effectively.

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**Table 4.1 Significant Relationship between 21st Century Teaching and Knowledge on Teacher Motivation**

21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teaching	Knowledge of Motivation					Total
	Personal Efficacy: Context	Personal Efficacy: General	Effort	Teaching Efficacy	Outcome Efficacy	
Technical Literacy	.578**	.551**	.428**	.454**	.487**	<b>.577**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Digital Citizenship	.543**	.553**	.479**	.450**	.475**	<b>.575**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Disposition	.500**	.574**	.521**	.506**	.562**	<b>.611**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Planning Blended Activities	.579**	.616**	.535**	.496**	.545**	<b>.636**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Planning Blended Assessment	.588**	.625**	.522**	.513**	.569**	<b>.647**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Personalizing Instructions	.602**	.619**	.491**	.544**	.582**	<b>.654**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Managing Student Interaction	.615**	.601**	.495**	.493**	.544**	<b>.633**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Managed the Teacher-Student Interaction	.599**	.634**	.527**	.512**	.575**	<b>.655**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Manage the Student-Knowledge Interaction	.582**	.589**	.455**	.511**	.553**	<b>.621**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>

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Implementation of Blended Assessment	.623**	.617**	.511**	.549**	.591**	<b>.667**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Analysis and Reflection	.642**	.643**	.532**	.540**	.617**	<b>.685**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Management of Blended Learning Context	.628**	.625**	.517**	.538**	.596**	<b>.669**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
Management of Blended Learning Activities	.637**	.651**	.553**	.575**	.618**	<b>.699**</b>
	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	<b>.000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>.673**</b>	<b>.687**</b>	<b>.570**</b>	<b>.582**</b>	<b>.637**</b>	<b>.725**</b>
	<b>.000</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>.000</b>

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492 On the other hand, the study by Koh et al. (2020) showed that the rapid pace of  
493 technological advancements and the increasing expectation for teachers to use digital tools  
494 can lead to technological overload. This overload occurs when teachers must learn and  
495 manage multiple digital platforms and tools without sufficient training or time for adaptation.  
496 The study noted that teachers, especially those with less experience in digital technology,  
497 may feel inadequate and frustrated, negatively impacting their motivation to teach effectively.  
498 According to the study by Dewaele et al. (922-945), allowing students to select tasks  
499 encourages them to express their knowledge and abilities more authentically. This notion is  
500 further reinforced by Lumpkin (32-43), who asserts that establishing a strong interaction with  
501 tasks and effectively managing these interactions leads to organized, straightforward,  
502 meaningful, and highly efficient teaching. Such an approach significantly enhances self-  
503 confidence in students and teachers, as it offers clear direction in teaching and learning.  
504 Furthermore, teachers benefit from increased engagement and experience smoother, more  
505 systematic instruction. In 21st-century education, this methodology is innovative and  
506 resourceful, ensuring that professors and students have a well-defined roadmap for  
507 successful teaching and learning experiences.

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509 In contrast to the study of Seo (85-105), according to his study, academic circles have  
510 expressed concerns about the potential negative impact of digital technology on classroom  
511 dynamics and fundamental academic skills, such as reading ability. As digital education  
512 becomes increasingly prevalent, there is growing apprehension that Church education may  
513 struggle to keep pace with the rapidly evolving technological landscape.

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### 515 **3.5. Significant Relationship between Digital Readiness for Learning and** 516 **Teachers' Motivation Knowledge in Senior High School**

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518 Table 4.2 illustrates a significant correlation between knowledge of digital readiness for  
519 learning and understanding teachers' motivation in Senior High School. The analysis yielded  
520 a correlation coefficient (r-value) of .647 and a probability value of .000, substantially lower  
521 than the predetermined significance level of .05 established for this study. Consequently, the  
522 null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis, which confirms a meaningful  
523 relationship between these two variables. This finding suggests that a more excellent  
524 proficiency in digital readiness is associated with an increased understanding of teachers'  
525 motivation in the Senior High School context.

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527 Through comprehensive analysis, the study uncovers significant correlations between  
 528 various digital readiness skills and the knowledge of teachers' motivation in Senior High  
 529 School. Among the key findings, digital readiness for learning demonstrates a robust  
 530 relationship (r-value of .647, p-value of .000), alongside noteworthy correlations with digital  
 531 tool application skills (r-value of .539, a p-value of .000), information-sharing behavior (r-  
 532 value of .631, p-value of .000), and information searching skills (r-value of .624, p-value of  
 533 .000). Furthermore, both digital media awareness (r-value of .578, p-value of .000) and the  
 534 effective use of digital tool applications (r-value of .575, p-value of .000) significantly  
 535 contribute to enhancing teachers' motivation knowledge. Most strikingly, the analysis  
 536 identifies personal ability—framed within the context of digital knowledge—as the most  
 537 substantial correlating factor, boasting an r-value of .716 and a p-value of .000. At the same  
 538 time, the weakest correlation is linked to effort, represented by an r-value of .451 and a p-  
 539 value of .000. These findings suggest the critical role of digital readiness in fostering a  
 540 motivated teaching environment in Senior High Schools.

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 542 **Table 4.2 Significant Relationship between Digital Readiness for Learning and**  
 543 **Teachers' Motivation Knowledge in Senior High School**  
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Digital Readiness for Learning	Knowledge of Motivation					Total
	Personal Efficacy : Context	Personal Efficacy: General	Effort	Teaching Efficacy	Outcome Efficacy	
Digital Tool Application	.597** .000	.489** .000	.331** .000	.446** .000	.453** .000	<b>.539**</b> <b>.000</b>
Use of Digital Applications	.623** .000	.552** .000	.463** .000	.384** .000	.475** .000	<b>.575**</b> <b>.000</b>
Awareness of Digital Media	.674** .000	.557** .000	.406** .000	.408** .000	.450** .000	<b>.578**</b> <b>.000</b>
Information Retrieval Skills	.654** .000	.595** .000	.421** .000	.496** .000	.527** .000	<b>.624**</b> <b>.000</b>
Information-sharing Behavior	.713** .000	.581** .000	.442** .000	.465** .000	.520** .000	<b>.631**</b> <b>.000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>.716**</b> <b>.000</b>	<b>.609**</b> <b>.000</b>	<b>.451**</b> <b>.000</b>	<b>.484**</b> <b>.000</b>	<b>.532**</b> <b>.000</b>	<b>.647**</b> <b>.000</b>

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 546 The study conducted by Porque et al., 60-76, highlights that integrating digital tool  
 547 applications is one of the most crucial resources for educators and students in today's  
 548 educational landscape. Utilizing devices such as smartphones, laptops, computers, and  
 549 projectors, these tools allow users to search for and access information with remarkable  
 550 ease. This contrasts sharply with earlier methods that necessitated physical books to find  
 551 essential information—a process that was often time-consuming. Technology has  
 552 significantly streamlined many daily tasks, enhancing efficiency for everyone involved.  
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554 Moreover, incorporating ICT applications and digital literacy within the classroom has  
555 fundamentally altered the roles of both students and teachers. It has also transformed the  
556 types of materials educators utilize and their pedagogical approaches. As a result, teachers  
557 face a wide array of responsibilities to ensure the successful implementation of these  
558 changes. This includes improving their knowledge and skills related to technology usage and  
559 fostering a deeper understanding and endorsement of effective teaching methods and  
560 curricular content (Tomczyk 471-486).

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562 According to the study by Kang et al. (125-137), teachers are generally motivated to  
563 integrate digital technology into the classroom and hold a positive perspective on its potential  
564 benefits. However, the study highlights that many teachers require additional support and  
565 training to effectively feel more comfortable and confident using these digital tools.  
566 Furthermore, the research suggests that teachers should prioritize developing self-regulation  
567 skills to manage and optimize the use of digital technology in their teaching practices,  
568 ensuring that it enhances learning outcomes while aligning with their pedagogical goals.  
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### 570 **3.6. Significant Influence of 21st Century Teaching and Digital Readiness for** 571 **Learning on Teachers' Motivation in Senior High School**

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573 Table 5 highlights the significant influence of 21st Century Teaching and Digital Readiness  
574 for Learning on Teachers' Motivation in Senior High School. The statistical findings highlight  
575 the significant factors influencing teacher motivation, particularly 21st Century Teaching and  
576 Digital Readiness for Learning. The strong positive relationship between 21st Century  
577 Teaching ( $\beta = .574$ ,  $p = .000$ ) and teacher motivation suggests that teachers are more  
578 motivated to teach when they are equipped with modern pedagogical methods. To capitalize  
579 on this, schools should provide ongoing professional development that introduces innovative  
580 teaching strategies and encourages collaboration among educators to share best practices.  
581 Additionally, the positive link between Digital Readiness for Learning ( $\beta = .189$ ,  $p = .001$ ) and  
582 motivation indicates that teachers who feel prepared to use digital tools are more motivated  
583 in their roles. Therefore, schools should offer continuous training on digital technologies and  
584 ensure teachers have access to resources and support for effectively integrating technology  
585 into their classrooms. The overall model explains 53.9% of the variance in motivation ( $R^2 =$   
586  $.539$ ), emphasizing the importance of teaching methods and digital readiness in fostering  
587 motivated teachers. Practical strategies should include creating a supportive environment  
588 where teachers can set personal development goals, receive constructive feedback, and  
589 experiment with new tools and teaching methods. Regular recognition and mentoring can  
590 further boost teacher confidence, enhancing motivation and a more engaging classroom  
591 experience for students.

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593 In summary, the influence of 21st Century Teaching and Digital Learning Preparation  
594 significantly affects Teachers' Motivation in Senior High School. This finding indicates that  
595 the exogenous variables contribute meaningfully to our understanding of what motivates  
596 teachers at this educational level. The results underscore the importance of integrating  
597 modern teaching methodologies and digital resources, as they are crucial factors in  
598 enhancing teacher motivation and, ultimately, the educational experience. One of the most  
599 daunting challenges teachers face is motivating their students to engage in their studies.  
600 This understanding is crucial because unmotivated students struggle to learn effectively.

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602 **Table 5. Significant Influence of 21st Century Teaching and Digital Readiness for**  
603 **Learning on Teachers' Motivation in Senior High School**  
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Knowledge of Motivation				
Variables	<i>B</i>	$\beta$	<i>t</i>	<i>Sig.</i>
Constant	1.434		10.472	.000
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teaching	.547	.574	10.194	.000
Digital Readiness for Learning	.148	.189	3.361	.001
R	.734			
R <sup>2</sup>	.539			
$\Delta R$	.536			
F	231.833			
$\rho$	.000			

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606 One of the most daunting challenges teachers face is figuring out how to motivate their  
 607 students to engage in their studies. This understanding is crucial because unmotivated  
 608 students struggle to learn effectively.

609 Moreover, they often fail to retain information, are less likely to participate actively, and some  
 610 may even disrupt the learning environment (Reeve and Shin 150-161). Ahmadi (115-125)  
 611 emphasizes that motivation is the driving force behind people's decision to engage in an  
 612 activity, whether they will persist, the perceived difficulty of the task, and how long they are  
 613 committed to it. Motivation propels you forward and defines the direction you wish to take.  
 614 This dynamic underscores the pivotal role students play in their learning and in  
 615 achieving academic success.

616 The data gathered from interviews and focus group discussions underwent comprehensive  
 617 analysis. Following this analysis, several themes emerged, each accompanied by specific  
 618 categories and indicators that offer valuable insights into the experiences and perspectives  
 619 of teachers instructing Filipino subjects in senior high schools within Region 12.

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621 The organized responses revealed the following key themes: the integration of Information  
 622 and Communication Technology (ICT) enhances student engagement; ICT streamlines the  
 623 teaching and learning processes, and being a "technologically savvy" teacher is a significant  
 624 advantage in the educational landscape. These findings highlight the importance of  
 625 embracing modern teaching tools and strategies to foster a more engaging and effective  
 626 learning environment.

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628 The Themes of Teachers' Experiences in 21st Century Teaching and Digital Readiness that  
 629 Shaped Their Perspectives and Beliefs Regarding Motivation in Teaching the Filipino  
 630 Subject.

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**Table 6** Themes of Teachers' Experiences and Core Ideas

Themes	Core Ideas
The use of ICT improves students engagement.	Our students are motivated when there is ICT or activities like IDI R1
	The youth are more engaged, as they compete to answer using the buttons on their laptops and phones."IDI R2
	The use of these online platforms will make children more engaged. R10
	The child's excitement is on the 21st century teaching and teacher's motivation During the class, they enjoy the class. using technology. IDI R3
	Children are more active. T2 FGD
	More participation in the The reason for this is that they are easy to gets. T3 FGD
ICT aids convenient teaching and learning process	Like apps, tools make teaching easier. Like the song, I'm not into music. You've seen and heard the lesson Music is easier to understand. IDI R4
	It is easy to teach children, especially when you have activities DI R5
	use smart TVs, powerpoints, cellphones, vidoes faster learning R6
	Our teaching is easier.. R7
	They are more likely to do tasks with technology involved IDI R2
	The activities of teachers in the field of teaching are facilitated.T1 FGD
Becoming a technological savvy teacher is an edge	It's easy because they can access thru links that I'll send my knowledge to my digital like google forms so I'll know how to maximize FGD1
	Digital readiness is helpful to our teacher especially if there are seminar trainings that we can use in teaching. FGD3
	My exposure and skills were taught through trainings, like the one conducted for digitalization, so I am also equipped FGD2
	"Google platforms, Schoology, links, and PowerPoint are examples of technologies in teaching, and they are effective ways to deliver the lesson accuratelyFGD1

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**3.7. How can the findings from qualitative data be validated to align with the results from quantitative data?**

637 In this study, the qualitative results align closely with the quantitative findings, which  
 638 demonstrate that the level of 21st-century teaching among senior high school teachers has a

639 Standard Deviation of 0.6 and a Mean of 4.17, categorized as high. Insights from interview  
640 participants further support this, most of whom emphasized that students exhibit greater  
641 engagement during ICT-based lessons and activities. Students eagerly compete to respond  
642 using their laptops and smartphones, and the utilization of these online platforms  
643 significantly boosts their involvement. A palpable excitement among students arises from  
644 21st-century teaching methods, while teachers' motivation during class hours enhances the  
645 overall student experience through technology integration. As a result, students become  
646 increasingly active and participative, facilitating their comprehension of the subject matter.  
647 The following responses from teachers illustrate this point: IDI R1, IDI R2, IDI R10, IDI R3,  
648 FGD T2, and FGD T3.  
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650 Additionally, the qualitative results are in harmony with the quantitative data concerning the  
651 high level of digital preparedness for teaching among senior high school teachers, which  
652 shows a Standard Deviation of 0.75 and a Mean of 4.08, also categorized as high. Interview  
653 participants noted that accessing information has become more straightforward; they can  
654 receive links like Google Forms to enhance their understanding and resource maximization.  
655 Digital preparedness is particularly beneficial for teaching, especially when teachers  
656 participate in seminars and training that can be applied in the classroom. Exposure to  
657 various technologies—such as Google platforms, Schoology, links, and PowerPoint—equips  
658 teachers with the necessary skills to effectively convey subject matter. The responses from  
659 teachers support this observation: FGD T1, FGD T3, FGD T2, and FGD T1.  
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661 Furthermore, the qualitative findings align with the quantitative results regarding teacher  
662 motivation in senior high schools, which reveal a Standard Deviation of 0.58 and a Mean of  
663 4.32, categorized as very high. Interview participants reaffirmed that tools and apps,  
664 including music resources, significantly streamline the teaching process. For instance,  
665 although I may not have a strong inclination toward music, the presentation of musical  
666 lessons was noted to enhance students' understanding. Incorporating smart TVs,  
667 PowerPoint presentations, smartphones, and videos accelerates learning and simplifies the  
668 teaching experience. Students are also more likely to complete tasks promptly when  
669 technology is integrated, easing the overall workload for educators. The following responses  
670 further illustrate this observation: IDI R4, IDI R5, IDI R6, IDI R7, IDI R2, and FGD T1.  
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#### 672 **4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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674 This section summarizes a study's findings, conclusions, and recommendations examining  
675 the relationship between 21st Century Teaching, Digital Readiness, and Teacher Motivation  
676 among Senior High School educators. The study reports high mean scores and low standard  
677 deviations for 21st-century Teaching (4.17), Digital Readiness (4.08), and Teaching  
678 Motivation (4.32), indicating strong teacher proficiency in using technology and a high level  
679 of motivation to teach. Interview participants confirmed the positive impact of digital tools like  
680 Google Forms and PowerPoint on their teaching practices.

681 Quantitative analyses reveal a significant correlation between teachers' knowledge of 21st-  
682 century Teaching and their motivation, with an r-value of .647 and a p-value of .000. This  
683 suggests that higher digital competency among teachers leads to increased motivation and  
684 readiness for Teaching. Additionally, 21st-century Teaching and Digital Readiness influence  
685 Teacher Motivation significantly, accounting for 54% of its variance.

686 The results align with the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), indicating that teachers find  
687 technology helpful and easy to use. They also relate to TPACK theory, which evaluates  
688 content integration, pedagogy, and technology in Teaching. Teachers' ICT knowledge was  
689 reported to be above average, with recommendations for further research on online  
690 collaboration and in-service training for effective ICT use.

691 Moreover, findings support the Self-Determination Theory (SDT), which categorizes  
692 motivation as intrinsic and extrinsic and highlights the role of expected outcomes in  
693 motivating teachers. The study also emphasizes the importance of Goal-Setting Theory and  
694 Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs in understanding teacher motivation and personal  
695 development in the educational context.

696 While the study provides valuable insights into the relationships between technology use,  
697 teacher motivation, and ICT knowledge, several limitations must be considered. First,  
698 correlational studies cannot establish causality, so the findings do not prove that technology  
699 use causes increased motivation. Confounding factors like teachers' prior experience, school  
700 resources, and institutional support could also influence the results. The reliance on self-  
701 reported data introduces potential bias and the cross-sectional design limits understanding  
702 of changes over time. Additionally, the findings may not be generalizable if the sample is  
703 specific to certain regions or schools, and cultural differences or varying access to  
704 technology may not be fully accounted for. Lastly, the study may overlook other factors, such  
705 as personal satisfaction or external pressures that could also impact teacher motivation.  
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707 Based on the study's results, the researcher recommends the following: Teachers should  
708 strengthen their use of modern technology to enhance their technical literacy and provide  
709 more training on the effective use of digital tools. It is also essential to design activities and  
710 projects that connect technology to real-world applications to broaden the technical literacy  
711 skills of Senior High School teachers. Teachers should continue to expand their knowledge  
712 in digital readiness for learning and utilize modern technology to improve the quality of  
713 Teaching and learning for students. This can be achieved through regular training,  
714 workshops, and collaboration in sharing strategies. It is important to allocate resources,  
715 platforms, and mentorship to assist teachers using digital tools, resulting in students' more  
716 engaging, effective, and meaningful learning experiences.  
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718 Support for Senior High School teachers should continue through regular training and  
719 programs that enhance their contextual skills and motivation to teach. Platforms for sharing  
720 experiences and strategies should be established to help them grow their skills. This will  
721 strengthen their capacity to provide quality education and foster personal and professional  
722 growth. Senior High School teachers should continue to develop their skills in 21st-century  
723 teaching to increase student motivation. Regular training in blended learning and other  
724 technologies should be provided, activities aligned with student interests should be  
725 designed, and expert mentorship should be offered. They should promote collaborative  
726 learning and conduct evaluations and audits of the teaching system to improve  
727 methodologies.  
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729 Senior high school teachers must continue expanding their knowledge in 21st Century  
730 Teaching and Digital Readiness to enhance their motivation and teaching effectiveness.  
731 Regular training and workshops focused on modern technology and methodologies should  
732 be allocated while considering other factors influencing their motivation to ensure holistic  
733 development and higher-quality student education. Efforts should be continuously  
734 strengthened to train and support Senior High School teachers to maintain and enhance  
735 their skills in 21st Century Teaching, digital readiness for learning, and motivation. Regular  
736 workshops and seminars on modern technologies and teaching methodologies should be  
737 organized to improve their capabilities and sustain high levels of motivation and Effective  
738 Teaching. Furthermore, teachers need to pay close attention to aspects of personal and  
739 professional development to ensure ongoing improvement in education quality.  
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741 Ethical approval and consent:

742 In this study, the appropriate research guidelines are important to complete the conducted  
743 research. It was submitted to the University of Mindanao Ethics Reviewer Committee  
744 (UMERC). The necessary attachments for the submission of the questionnaire and forms  
745 were well-organized, and ethical considerations regarding data confidentiality, consent, and  
746 participant protection were taken into account for the conducted study. The review by the  
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