



A STUDY OF EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM AMONG ADOLESCENT

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Abstract

The present study was made an attempt to find out find significant interaction between emotional intelligence and sex with self-esteem as dependent variable among adolescents. The researcher employed 250 samples stratified random sampling was used for selecting 250 samples for the present study. Self Esteem Inventory by Dr. Stanley Cooper smith and Emotional Intelligence Inventory by Dr.S.K MANGAL was used for collecting the data. The findings reveal that there is no significant interaction between emotional intelligence and sex among adolescent students with self esteem as the dependent variable.

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Introduction

‘Adolescence is the turbulent time changed with conflict and moods swings,’ with this perspective it is not hard to recognize that personality plays a big part in the overall development of adolescents. It is important to understand that almost all the theorists believe that adolescence is characterized as time of storm and stress. It certainly may have its ups and downs, but much of this normal reaction to the entire physical, emotional and social change taking place.

In the field of learning, personality factors are significantly influential. Educational pattern of today is undergoing complete transformation technologically as well as methodologically. Nothing is more imp in educating students than to make them imbibe the right attitude towards teaching .This can be done when we explore into their energies and sentiments which govern their behavior.

Personality is linked with self –esteem of an individual .Self-realization is an important aspect of personality. Self- realization is important for gaining the achievement in one’s life. Self-esteem is the major contributor of personality make-up and it is a path to creative, fully functioning healthy individual and possibly the most essential ingredient for human happiness.

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Self-Esteem

In psychology, the self-esteem is used to describe a person's overall sense of self worth or personal value. Self-esteem is often seen as personality traits, which means that it tends to be stable and enduring. Self-esteem can involve a variety of beliefs about the self, such as the appraisal of one's own appearance, beliefs, emotions and behavior.

Self-esteem refers to positive or negative orientation towards oneself and it evaluates an individual in different roles and domains of life (Rogers, 1981). It is an overall evaluation of one's worth or values and an important component of psychological health (Rosenberg, 1989; Robson, 1988) and it is also related to various psycho-social support including life events (Miller, Kreitman et al, 1989; Brown, Andrews et al, 1989), and social support (Brown, Bifulco and Andrews, 1990; Brown, Bifulco et al, 1986). In other words, it implies a realistic assessment of one's abilities and potentials or one's own positive impression.

Emotional intelligence

The term emotional intelligence was introduced in 1990 by two American university professors Dr. John Mayer and Dr. Peter Salovey in their attempt to develop a scientific measure for knowing the differences in people's ability in the areas of emotion. However, emotional intelligence goes to another American psychologist Daniel Goleman (1998).

Emotional intelligence is being able to monitor one's own and other's feelings and emotions to discriminate among them, and to use this to guide one's thinking and actions. Again, Salovey and Mayer (1993) wrote that an emotionally intelligent person is skilled in four areas; identifying, using, understanding and regulating components, knowing one's emotions (self-awareness), managing them, motivating self, recognizing emotion in others (empathy and handling relationships).

The social scientists and other educational psychologists are beginning to uncover the study of emotional intelligence as a phenomenon.

Emotional intelligence refers to the ability to perceive, control and evaluate emotions. Some researchers suggest that emotional intelligence can be learned and strengthened, while others claim it is an inborn characteristic.

Objective of the study

The main objectives of the study are

1. To find significant difference in the self-esteem among adolescents having good and poor emotional intelligence.

2. To find significant difference in self -esteem among adolescents.
3. To find significant interaction between emotional intelligence and sex with self-esteem as dependent variable among adolescents.

Hypotheses of the study

The following hypotheses have been formulated for the present investigation:

1. There will be no significance difference in self-esteem among adolescents having good and poor emotional intelligence
2. There will be no significant sex difference in self-esteem among adolescents.
3. There will be no significant interaction between emotional intelligence and sex with self esteem as dependent variable.

Significance of the study

The personality of the individual is a product of learning. It is essential that he/she should have an all round development.

Self-Esteem means feeling good about one. Self esteem is the belief that we all have, potential to do something good in whatever condition we are placed .When we build-up self-esteem ,we do not require any certificate from others as how good we are.

Survey of related literature

Studies of Emotional intelligence

Bhatia (2010) in her study “emotional intelligence in teacher training programme” found that there is an increased awareness about the importance of emotional intelligence .Despite this, the teacher are unable to adopt it for leading a more successful life .In this fast changing and stressful situation that students and teacher in schools are facing .It has become absolutely essential for them to find tune their emotional skills. The teacher training curriculum hence must have a module on emotional intelligence for teachers to do.

Akomolafe (2011), made an attempt to study the interactive and relative effect of Emotional Intelligence and locus of control on burnout among the secondary school teachers and has suggested that secondary school teachers should be managed by capable and qualified counselors for desired result to be achieved.

Nwadinigwe & Azuka-Obieke, aimed to examine the relationship between emotional intelligence and academic achievement among senior secondary school students .They revealed that there was a positive relationship between emotional intelligence skills and academic achievement such that developing emotional intelligence skills of a student would lead to the enhancement of his/her academic achievement.

Nicholls et al.(2012), purposed to find the ability of subjects studying accounting at a Canadian University to purposely alter their results on two of the most frequently used emotional intelligence tests(Emotional Quotient Inventory and the Mayer-Salovey-Carsuso Emotional Intelligence Test).They found that subjects can purposely change their emotional intelligence scores to fit the job description and also concluded that neither instrument was clearly better than the other was in the hiring process and both required revision as potential applicants were able purposely to alter their scores.

Studies conducted on self-esteem

Jasrotia(2010) conducted Study, “A study of self Esteem and academic Achievement of B.Ed students”. The findings were (a) There are significant difference in self esteem among B.Ed ,students having high and low level of Academic Achievement so, it is said that there is no main difference among High and low Academic Achievers.(b)There B.Ed students having high level of Academic Achievement are better in self esteem than one’s having low Level of Academic Achievement So,it is said that there is no main difference Among high and low academic achievers.(c) There is are insignificant sex Difference in self esteem among B.Ed.students.

Jamwal(2011) “A study on locus of control and self esteem among Secondary school students”. The finding were (a) There are no significant Differences in self esteem among internal and external secondary school Students.(b)There are no significant sex differences in self esteem among secondary school students.(c) There variables of locus of control and sex independent of each other with self esteem independent variable among secondary school students.

Plan and procedure

This study was conducted in June, two weeks after the school midterm examination ended. A set of questionnaire and emotional ability test instrument were distributed to 205 students. The students were briefed about the aims of the study, and were assured about the confidential treatment of their answer sheets were collected at the end of the class.

Tools used

In the present study, the instruments employed for the collection of data are

- a) Self Esteem Inventory **by Dr. Stanley Coopersmith**
- b) Emotional Intelligence Inventory **by Dr.S.K MANGAL**

Selection of the sample

In the present study, the researcher employing stratified random sampling. He chose sample from private and Govt. schools of Jammu district, the size of the sample was 250. The private schools from where certain number of boys and girls were randomly selected..

Administration of the tools

The investigator visited the various schools of Jammu District personally for the collection of data. On the first day, he approached to the concerned teachers and Headmasters. The problem was explained to them. They were told about the purpose of investigation. After the permission was granted, the tools were administrated in the classroom with the help of class teachers. The subjects were instructed that these tests were meant for the research work and their responses will be kept confidential. They were requested to be frank, honest and sincere in answering test items.

The investigator studied all the instructions from manual of the test for the scoring of answer sheets. Thus the responses obtained by students on answer sheets were scored with the help of scoring keys of the test.

The collected data need to be categorized in the light of objectives of study Therefore data collected from secondary students of Jammu city into two categories of emotional intelligence and low emotional intelligence i.e high emotional and low emotional intelligence groups on the basis of scores.

For this purpose Mean and S.D of Emotional Intelligence scores are calculated employing raw score method.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

Table - 1 showing the values of Mean and S.D of Emotional Intelligence scores.

Variable	Mean	S.D	M+1/2 S.D	M-1/2 S.D
Emotional intelligence	66	9.7	70.85	61.51

- (a) The students scoring $M+ 1/2x S.D$ or more were labeled as high E.I. In the present study the subjects scoring 70.85 and above were labeled as high emotionally intelligence group.
- (b) The subjects scoring $M- 1/2x S.D$ or below were labeled as low E.I. In the present study the subjects scoring 61.51 and below were labeled as low emotional intelligence group.

The details of the Categorization data given in **Table - 2** showing the number of students falling in High and Low emotional Intelligence group.

Variable	M	S.D	High Intelligence	Emotional	Low Intelligence	Emotional
Emotional Intelligence	66	9.7	Boys 53	Girls 18	Boys 51	Girls 49

It is of prime importance in any research problem to analyze and interpret the available data. The tabulated data as such has no meaning. The raw scores collected with the help of tools do not represent the true picture of the problem. In order to get some useful information, some statistical techniques are applied to drive fruitful information thereof.

"Analysis is an important phase of classification and summarization of data".

Keeping the objectives of the study in view, the researcher applied the following statistical techniques:

IV. 1 (b) Two-Way Analysis of Variance

In the present investigation, the researcher was concerned with differences in the emotional intelligence as well as interaction studying relationship between Emotional Intelligence and Self-Esteem among adolescents . Thus the investigator employed Two- Way Analysis of Variance.

Table-1: Treatment Combinations of Two-Way ANOVA (2x2 Factorial Experiment) with self esteem as the dependent variable.

Treatment	Emotional Intelligence	Sex
A ₁ B ₁	Good Emotional Intelligence	Boys
A ₁ B ₂	Good Emotional Intelligence	Girls
A ₂ B ₁	Poor Emotional Intelligence	Boys
A ₂ B ₂	Poor Emotional Intelligence	Girls

IV.1.5 Computation of two way anova(2x2 factorial experiment).

Table - 2 Scores of self esteem of boys and girls of adolescent student

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE (A)

	Good intelligence(A1)	emotional	Poor emotional intelligence(A2)
	52	44	40
	68	48	56
	80	52	48
			60
			68
			46

BOYS	80	68	48	60
(B1)	76	48	48	32
	80		32	
	84		36	
	80		24	
	84		40	
	56		52	
	$\sum A_1 B_1=1000$		$\sum A_2 B_1=690$	
	$N A_1 B_1=15$		$N A_2 B_1 =15$	
	56	80	32	40
	72	80	64	40
	68	84	40	76
	64	76	40	52
	80	68	48	32
	60		52	
	40		40	
	84		40	
	80		44	
	72		68	
	$\sum A_1 B_2=1069$		$\sum A_2 B_2=708$	
	$N A_1 B_2 =15$		$N A_2 B_2 =15$	
	$\sum A_1=2064$		$\sum A_2=1398$	
	$N A_1=30$		$N A_2=30$	$\sum X_1=3462$
				$N_1=60$

SEX(B)

Table -3 Squared value of the self esteem scores are given in the

Table - 2

	Good Intelligence (A1)	Emotional	Poor Intelligence(A2)	Emotional
BOY(B1)	2704	1936	1600	3600
	4624	2304	3136	4624
	6400	2704	2304	2116
	6400	4624	2304	3600
	5776	2304	2304	1024
	6400		1024	
	7056		1296	
	6400		576	
	7056		1600	
	3136		2704	
GIRLS(B2)	3136	6400	1024	1600
	5184	7056	4096	1600
	4624	5776	1600	5776
	6400	4624	1600	2704
	3600	6400	2304	1027
	1600		2704	
	7056		1600	
	6400		1600	

5184	1936	
6400	4624	$\sum X^2 = 219268$

Table - 4: Summary of Two-Way ANOVA (2x2 Factorial Experiment).

Source of Variance	Sum of sq.(ss)	df	Mean Ms=(ss/df)	sq. F	Significance
Emotional Intelligence(A)	7392.6	1	7392.6	34.59	Significant
Sex (B)	112.06	1	112.06	0.524	Insignificant
E.I x SEX(AxB)	35.27	1	35.27	0.165	Insignificant
Within	11970.67	56	213.7		

Table - 5 Combined Mean value of self esteem scores in different groups (with N=15) in each cell.

<i>Group</i>	<i>Good intelligence</i>	<i>emotional intelligence</i>	<i>Poor intelligence</i>	<i>emotional intelligence</i>
<i>Boys</i>	66.7		46	
<i>Girls</i>	70.93		47.2	
<i>Combined mean</i>	68.8		46.6	

INTERPRETATION OF DATA

Perusal of **Table - 4** reveals that the value of F for the main effect of emotional intelligence with self esteem as the dependent variable is 34.5 is significant at 0.01 level of significance for df 1 and 56. Thus, there is significant difference in self esteem among high and low level of emotional intelligence of adolescents students.

Table - 5 shows that the mean value of high emotional intelligence is 68.8 of adolescents students which is higher than the low emotional intelligence of adolescents students which is 47.2. So it can be said that emotional intelligence of adolescents students having more self esteem than the low emotional intelligence of adolescents students.

Hence, the hypothesis that there will be no significant difference in self esteem among adolescents school students having high and low emotional intelligence is rejected.

Review of **Table - 4** also reveals that value of F for the variable of sex is 0.524, with self esteem as the dependent variable which is insignificant at 0.01 for df 1 and 56. It can be thus said that there are insignificant sex difference in self esteem among adolescents students.

Hence, hypothesis that there will be no significant sex difference in self esteem among adolescents students is accepted.

Review of **Table - 4** further shows that the value of F for interaction between emotional intelligence sex with self esteem as the dependent variable is 0.165 which is also insignificant for df 1 and 56.

Therefore it can be said that the variables of emotional intelligence and sex are independent of each other with self esteem as the dependent variable among adolescents students.

Hence, the hypothesis that there will be no significant interaction between emotional intelligence and sex with self esteem as dependent variable among adolescents students is accepted.

RESULTS

In order to accomplish the objective of the study, Two-way Analysis of Variance (2x2 Factorial Experiment) has been employed. The results are given in the following table.

Sources of Variance	Sum squares	Degree of freedom	Mean square	F- ratio	Significance
(A) Emotional intelligence	7392.6	1	7392.6	34.59	Significant at 0.05 level
(B) Sex	112.06	1	112.06	0.524	NS
Emotional intelligence x Sex	35.27	1	35.27	0.165	NS
Within	11970.67	56	213.7		

CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDY

On the basis of analysis of data following conclusions are drawn:

- 1) There is significant differences in self-esteem among adolescent students having high and low emotional intelligence.
- 2) There is no significant sex differences in self esteem among adolescent students.
- 3) There is no significant interaction between emotional intelligence and sex among adolescent students with self esteem as the dependent variable.

Educational implications of the study

The present investigation was carried out to self esteem and emotional Intelligence among adolescent students .

- 1) The classroom environment should be congenial so that students are able to develop emotional intelligence which will help them to adjust for better learning and overcome inferiority complex in weak students.
- 2) Every student would be given “Guidance and counseling” sessions so that useful steps should be taken up.
- 3) The teacher would considered the level of students and then discuss the topic with students by categorizing his class into average and above average.
- 4) Not only teachers but parents would spend couple of time with their children to develop good emotional intelligence.

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