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SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE OF ADOLESCENTS OF NUCLEAR AND JOINT FAMILIES: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

Family has its own specific structure and is called the “Basic Building Block” of human society. It plays a pivotal role in providing the most congenial atmosphere to an individual to form his style of life and basic patterns of behavior. The aspirations, values and goals of individuals are influenced by the family. Whether an individual develops into a well-adjusted sociable person or a maladjusted one depends on the family. The close relationships in the family exert a great influence over the children’s relations with members of social groups. Parents are the chief architects in shaping the personality of an individual. The quality of relationship with parents is a key factor for the wholesome development of an individual. One’s well-being continues to depend on the quality of family interactions. Family type plays an integral role in children’s development. The main types of family are nuclear and joint which play their role in the development of an individual. Nuclear families consist of parents and their unmarried children while as Joint families refer to the families consisting of parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts etc. and their children.

The most important developmental stage of human life is the adolescence. It is the transitional period and the turning point in the life of an individual. This period acts as a bridge between the childhood and adulthood. It is a period of rapid changes in almost all developmental dimensions. This developmental stage has been marked by emotional stress and storm. This stage provides an entrance to the