



Comparative Study

A study on relationship between personality and emotional intelligence of creative writers

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ABSTRACT

The study was undertaken to study the relationship between the factors of personality and Emotional Intelligence of Creative writers of Jammu & Kashmir. The sample of the study comprised of 80 creative writers (Sahitya Akademi Award nominees and Selectees). Big Five Personality inventory by McCrae and Costa (1992) (to measure personality) and Emotional Intelligence Scale (2011) by Hyde, Pathe and Dhar were the tools used for the collection of Data. Correlation was computed by employing Pearson's Product Moment Coefficient of Correlation on Personality and Emotional Intelligence of Creative writers (N=80) at dimension level. The study revealed that significant Negative relationship existed between the factors of Personality: Extraversion and factors C (Self-motivation) and H (Value Orientation); (O) Openness to Experience and factor E (Managing relations) of Emotional Intelligence. However no significant relationship was found between the rest of the factors.

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Originality and relevance as two necessary ingredients of Creativity aid people in their unique and rare expressions. Individuals, beset with the skill of creativity are capable of finding new solutions, seeing things in a different perspective and generating and evaluating new ideas. Creativity assists in gratifying the need to express oneself in a unique way. The process of creativity involves the forming of associative elements into new combinations that are meaningful, appropriate, or meet some needs. Since creativity is expressed in many different forms, it can take the form of a discovery, creation or improvement. Although Creativity is a universal quality that exists in all people, it goes on differing from individual to individual with respect to its level or amount. A number of studies recognize that the potential of creativity can be realized, developed, enhanced and cultivated. The studies concerning to the identification of personality characteristics of highly creative and eminent people provided a better initiation to the fertile research on creativity. Numerous intellectual characteristics have been located to comprise attributes that foster creativity.

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