

### Abstract

The present study aimed to find out the relationship between personality traits, emotional intelligence and criminal tendencies among slums. Purposive sampling technique was used to collect the data of 100 male and 100 female adults of age 18 years to 30 years. Sample was taken from different slum areas of Lahore like; Ravi side slums, Mustafa town slums and Johar town slums. Two subscales i.e. Extraversion and Neuroticism of International Personality Item Pool-120 (Johnson, 2014 and translated by Khan, Khan, Ghani and Shafi, 2013), Scale of Emotional Intelligence (Batool and Khalid, 2011) and Measures of Criminal Attitudes and Associates MCAA (Mills, Kroner, and Forth, 2002) were used for assessment. MCAA was translated in Urdu language by the method of MAPI. The analysis included the application of correlation, regression, ANOVA and t-test to explore the differences and relationships among the variables along with the demographics of the sample. Results of the study revealed that there was no significant relationship of criminal tendencies with emotional intelligence and personality traits. Whereas, significant relationship between personality traits and emotional intelligence was found. Furthermore violence, entitlement and associates significantly predicted extraversion. Moreover empathy, impulse control, flexibility, problem solving and optimism significantly predicted criminal attitudes. Moreover, significant difference of education was found with criminal attitudes. Furthermore, significant difference of income was found in personality traits and emotional intelligence. Furthermore, significant gender differences were found in neuroticism only.

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