Abstract

The present study aimed to explore the relationship between psychopathy and emotional intelligence among school going adolescents. The sample comprised 1000 school going adolescents. The sample was drawn from four grades 7 to 10. The sample was collected from government schools of two different cities: Lahore and Dera Ghazi Khan by using the cluster sampling techniques. Youth Psychopathy Inventory (YPI) and Trait Emotional Intelligence Questionnaire (TEIQ) were used to measure traits of psychopathy and emotional intelligence. The psychometric properties of Youth Psychopathy inventory were established. The exploratory factor analysis revealed four factors in Pakistani culture. Factor I: Grandiose-manipulation, factor II; impulsive-irresponsible, factor III; thrill seeking behavior and factor VI; callousunemotional. The Chronbach alpha reliability revealed that scale was highly consistent. Through split half reliability scale was divided into half, first half had 21 items and second had 20 items. Furthermore results revealed that adolescents with high level of psychopathy trait lack ability to sense, organize and manage emotions of self and others. Furthermore study also revealed that gender difference does not matter for presence of psychopathic traits. The results of ANOVA revealed that adolescents living with large family size are more prone to develop psychopathic traits. Results also emphasized on relationship of psychopathy with other demographics.

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