

Abstract

The current study was aimed to assess the predictive role of emotional intelligence, dark tetrad and psychological reactance in impulsivity. Correlational research design was used. Data were collected from 189 (100= Prison and 89= Field) male police officers from different police stations and prisons of Lahore via a purposive sampling technique. Self-report measures of Abbreviated Impulsiveness Scale II, Four Identities Questionnaire (SD-4), Hong's Psychological Reactance Scale, and Wong and Law Emotional Intelligence Scale (WLEIS) were used. Reliability of scales used in this study were established. Data were analyzed via Pearson product moment correlation, stepwise regression analysis, mediation analysis and MANOVA. Results of correlation analysis indicated that emotional intelligence was negatively correlated with impulsivity and positively correlated with machiavellianism. Psychopathy, narcissism, sadism and psychological reactance were significantly positively correlated with impulsivity. Results of regression analysis showed that emotional intelligence, machiavellianism and sadism significantly predicted non-planning and attentional Impulsivity ($R^2=.22$ and $.24$). Machiavellianism and narcissism significantly predicted motor impulsivity ($R^2=.22$). Results of mediation analysis indicated that emotional intelligence significantly mediated the association of machiavellianism and non-planning, machiavellianism and attentional impulsivity. It was concluded emotional intelligence and dark tetrad personality play significant role in the impulsivity of police officers.

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