



Emotional Maturity Of Prospective Secondary School Teachers In Relation To Family Type And Self-Control

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation involves emotional maturity of secondary school teachers in relation to family type, self-control and family environment. Descriptive survey method was used in this research. A sample of 1200 prospective secondary school teachers of 12 different B.Ed. teacher training colleges were selected from Mandi, Kangra, Hamirpur and Bilaspur districts of Himachal Pradesh through incidental sampling technique. For data collection emotional maturity scale by Singh and Bhargva and Self-Control Scale (Self Made Scale) were used by the investigator. The techniques of descriptive statistics, Games-Howell Test and Analysis of Variance (Two Way) were used to analyze the data. The results of the study revealed that the prospective secondary school teachers belonging to nuclear and joint families did not differ significantly from each other with regard to emotional maturity. The prospective secondary school teachers having high, average and low level of self-control differed significantly from each other in terms of emotional maturity. Further it can be inferred that family type and self-control did not have significant difference on emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers in combined manner. Implications of the study were discussed at the end of the paper.

KEYWORDS: Emotional Maturity, Self-Control, Prospective Secondary School Teachers.

INTRODUCTION

In the fast-changing education industry, a teacher's role goes beyond passing on learning. Teachers are not just learning facilitators but also models who influence students' emotional and psychological growth. Of all the qualities required for good teaching, emotional maturity is one such critical element that enables teachers to perform at their best. It also helps the teacher to control his/her own emotions, respond to others' emotions, and develop a safe and stable learning environment. Prospective secondary school teachers, in particular, are at a stage in life when their professional and personal qualities are still being shaped. Their emotional maturity can be a deciding factor in how they approach issues of the classroom, relate with students and colleagues, and adjust to the challenges of the vocation. With the very interpersonal subtlety of teaching in secondary schools, where students themselves are in process of emotional and psychological transformation, a teacher's emotional maturity is all the more important. Two of the most universally accepted influential variables in emotional maturity are family type and self-control. The family type differences might impact the way individuals express and manage emotions, while regulating thoughts, feelings, and behaviors amidst temptation and impulse, self-control, is usually attributed to emotional regulation. Knowledge of how such factors function in emotional maturity among prospective teachers can be useful in guiding teacher training so that increasingly emotionally skilled and resilient educators can be developed. This research aims to investigate the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers based on family type and self-control. By understanding these relationships, the research hopes to add to the knowledge bank in the field of educational psychology while also offering pragmatic implication for teachers' training and professional development.

REVIEWS OF RELATED LITERATURE

Sharma and Kumari (2016) found a strong positive correlation between self-control and emotional maturity in B.Ed. trainees, suggesting that individuals with higher self-regulation exhibit greater emotional stability and maturity. Similarly, **Das and Choudhury (2020)** emphasized that high self-control supports better emotional resilience and adaptability, particularly in emotionally demanding roles such as teaching. **Liu et al. (2024)** observed that university students with higher self-control demonstrated significantly better emotional regulation and academic engagement, reinforcing the role of self-control as a key factor in psychological well-being and maturity. **Sharma and Verma (2023)** found no significant differences in emotional maturity between students from joint and nuclear families, indicating that family structure alone may not be a decisive factor in emotional development. **Rani and Thomas (2021)**, who reported that the quality of emotional bonds within families, rather than the family type, played a more influential role in shaping emotional competencies. **Khan and Jafri (2022)** noted that interaction effects between socio-demographic variables (like family type) and personality traits (such as self-control) were generally weak in predicting emotional maturity, suggesting that individual traits exert a stronger influence than contextual factors.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To study the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers with respect to family type.
2. To study and compare the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers with respect to level of self-control.
3. To study the interactional effects between family type and self-control with regard to emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers.

HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY

1. There will be no significant difference in the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers with respect to family type.
2. There will be no significant difference in the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers with respect to self-control.
3. There will be no significant interaction between family type and self-control with regard to emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers.

METHODOLOGY

To fulfill the objectives of the study descriptive survey method of the research was used.

SAMPLING

A requisite sample of 1200 prospective secondary school teachers were selected from 12 B.Ed. teacher training colleges from Mandi, Kangra, Hamirpur and Bilaspur districts of Himachal Pradesh.

RESEARCH TOOL USED

For the present investigation following research tools were used for data collection.

1. Emotional Maturity Scale by Dr. Yashvir Singh and Dr. Mahesh Bhargva (2012).
2. Self-Control Scale: Developed by the researcher himself.

ANALYSIS OF DATA

The techniques of descriptive statistics, Games and Howell Test and Analysis of Variance (Two Way) were used to analyze the data. Detailed description of the results was given below:

In order to study the main and Interactional effect of family type and level of self-control on emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers, Analysis of Variance (2x2x3 factor design) involving two types of family i.e. joint and nuclear, and three levels of self-control i.e. high, average and low, was applied on mean scores of emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers. The mean emotional maturity scores of prospective secondary school teachers with respect to family type and level of self-control are given in table 1.

Table-1

FAMILY TYPE AND SELF-CONTROL-WISE SCORES AND MEANS ON EMOTIONAL MATURITY OF PROSPECTIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

S. No.	Family Type and Level of Self-control		High	Average	Low	Total
1.	Joint	Mean	87.65	99.02	113.49	99.57
		SD	17.590	19.954	24.278	21.538
		N	68	321	71	460
2.	Nuclear	Mean	90.49	100.14	115.69	101.68
		SD	27.264	21.142	24.584	23.775
		N	96	511	133	740
3.	Total	Mean	89.31	99.71	114.93	100.87
		SD	23.714	20.687	20.687	24.441
		N	164	832	204	1200

From the mean scores of emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers with respect to their family type and self-control, the 'F' values were calculated. The results are given in table 2.

Table-2

SUMMARY TABLE OF ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE OF EMOTIONAL MATURITY SCORES OF PROSPECTIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	'F' Ratio
Family Type(A)	654.944	1	654.944	1.391NS
Self-Control (B)	42644.003	2	21322.002	45.281**
Family Type and Self-Control (AXB)	818.828	2	409.414	0.869NS
Error Variance	559409.060	1188	470.883	-----
Corrected Total	631897.492	1199	-----	-----

NS Not Significant

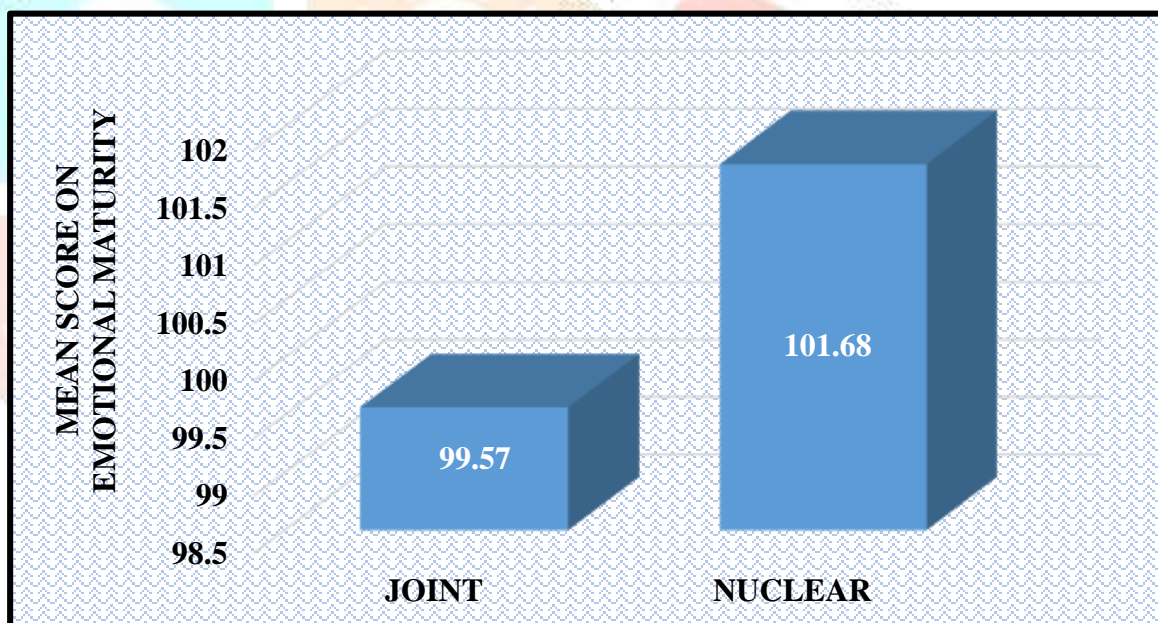
** Significant at 0.01 level of Significance

MAIN EFFECTS

a. Family Type (A): Table 2 depicts that the calculated value of 'F' for the main effect of family type on emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers for degree of freedom 1/1188, came out to be 1.391 which is below the table value (3.84) even at 0.05 level of significance. Hence, the **Hypotheses No. 1**, "There will be no significant difference in the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers with respect to family type" was accepted. This may be interpreted that the prospective secondary school teachers belonging to nuclear and joint families did not differ significantly from each other with regard to emotional maturity. This is also concluded from the mean emotional maturity scores of prospective secondary school teachers belonging to joint families (mean-99.57) and nuclear families (mean-101.68) which are almost equal. The significant difference in emotional maturity of male and female prospective secondary school teachers is shown in figure 1

FIGURE-1

DIFFERENCE IN EMOTIONAL MATURITY OF PROSPECTIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR FAMILY TYPE

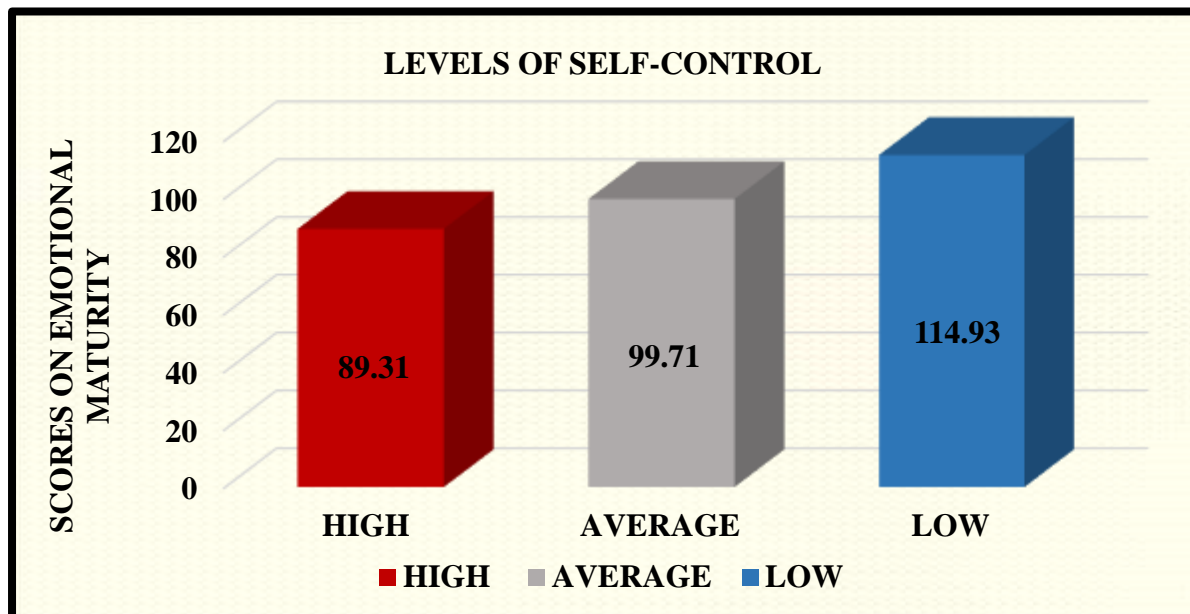


(b) Self-Control (B) In order to examine the main effect of emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers on self-control, the calculated value of 'F' for degree of freedom 2/1188, came out to be 45.281 which is much greater than the table value (6.64) even at 0.01 level of significance. Therefore, the **Hypothesis No. 2**, "There will be no significant difference in the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers with respect to self-control" was not retained. Thus, it may be inferred that prospective secondary school teachers having high, average and low level of self-control differed significantly from each other in terms of emotional maturity. Further it is also evident from the Table-1 that mean scores of emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers having high self-control is 89.31, which is higher than the mean score of prospective secondary school teachers having average self-control (mean-99.71) and prospective secondary teachers with low self-control (mean-114.93). Figure 2

showing the significant comparison of emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers having high, average and low self-control.

FIGURE-2

COMPARISON OF EMOTIONAL MATURITY OF PROSPECTIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS HAVING HIGH, AVERAGE AND LOW SELF-CONTROL



In order to study the significant difference in emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers with respect to high, average and low level of self-control, in different combinations (considering two groups at a time), 'Games and Howell' test was applied. Results are given below:

TABLE-3

COMPUTED AND CRITICAL VALUES OF 'q' (STUDENTIZED RANGE) AND WEIGHTED MEAN DIFFERENCES IN EMOTIONAL MATURITY OF PROSPECTIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WITH DIFFERENT LEVEL OF SELF-CONTROL

S. No.	Self-Control Level	Mean Emotional Maturity Score	Pairs of Comparison	Mean Difference	Computed Values of 'q'	Adjusted df
A1	High	89.31	A1-A2	10.40	5.24**	263
A2	Average	99.71	A2-A3	15.22	8.26**	283
A3	Low	114.93	A3-A1	25.62	10.17**	165

Critical Value of 'q' = 4.12 at 0.01 significance level for respective adjusted df' (K = 3).

NS - Not Significant.

** Significant at 0.01 Level of Significance

The values of 'q' (studentized range statistic) and df (adjusted degrees of freedom) were computed by applying respective adjustments in standard error (MS error) term and degrees of freedom as proposed

by Games and Howell. The respective computed values of 'q' (studentized range statistic) for emotional maturity scores of prospective secondary school teachers having different level of self-control were compared with critical value (table value) of 'q' for three groups with respective degrees of freedom. It was observed that prospective secondary school teachers with high and average level of self-control had shown significantly higher emotional maturity as compared to teachers with low level of self-control because computed 'q' values i.e. 5.24 (High Vs. Average), 8.26 (Average Vs. Low) and 10.17 (High Vs. Low) were higher than the critical value of 'q' (4.12) at 0.01 level of significance. This may also be verified from the mean emotional stability scores of prospective secondary school teachers with high, average and low level of self-control which came out to be 89.31, 99.71 and 114.93 respectively.

INTERACTIONAL EFFECTS

Family Type and Self-Control (AXB) In order to study the interactional effect of family type and self-control on emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers, the figured value of 'F' for the interactional effect of family type and self-control on emotional maturity, came out be 0.869 for degree of freedom 2/1188 which is less than the Table value (2.99) even at 0.05 level of significance. Hence, **Hypothesis No. 3, "There will be no significant interaction between family type and self-control with regard to emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers"** was validated. This indicated that the family type and self-control (in combination with each other) did not influence the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers significantly.

CONCLUSIONS

1. the calculated value of 'F' for the main effect of family type on emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers for degree of freedom 1/1188, came out to be 1.391 which is below the table value (3.84) even at 0.05 level of significance. Hence, this may be interpreted that the prospective secondary school teachers belonging to nuclear and joint families did not differ significantly from each other with regard to emotional maturity. This is also concluded from the mean emotional maturity scores of prospective secondary school teachers belonging to joint families (mean-99.57) and nuclear families (mean-101.68) which are almost equal.
2. The calculated 'F' value for degree of freedom 2/1188, came out to be 45.281 which is much greater than the table value (6.64) even at 0.01 level of significance, therefore, it may be inferred that prospective secondary school teachers having high, average and low level of self-control differed significantly from each other in terms of emotional maturity. Further it is also evident from the table 2 that mean scores of emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers having high self-control is 89.31, which is higher than the mean score of prospective secondary school teachers having average self-control (99.71) and prospective secondary teachers with low self-control (114.93).
3. The computed value of F-ratio for the interactional effect of family type and self-control on emotional maturity, came out be 0.869 for degree of freedom 2/1188 which is less than the table

value (2.99) even at 0.05 level of significance. Hence the family type and self-control (in combination with each other) did not influence the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers significantly.

IMPLICATIONS

The present study was designed to examine the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers in relation to family type and self-control. The analysis of the data revealed the non-significant effect of family type on the emotional maturity of prospective secondary school teachers suggests that the structure of the family whether joint or nuclear does not play a major role in shaping emotional maturity in this context. This indicates that both family environments may provide comparable support systems for emotional development, and that individual emotional growth may depend more on personal experiences and characteristics rather than family composition. Therefore, educational institutions should focus more on personal development strategies rather than tailoring emotional maturity interventions based on family background. On the other hand, a significant variation in emotional maturity was observed based on the level of self-control. Prospective teachers with high self-control demonstrated notably greater emotional maturity compared to those with average or low levels of self-control. And finally, the non-significant interaction between family type and self-control indicates that the impact of self-control on emotional maturity is consistent regardless of family background. This suggests that interventions aimed at improving self-control can be applied universally, without the need for modification based on whether a teacher trainee comes from a joint or nuclear family. As a result, teacher training institutions can design comprehensive and inclusive emotional development programs that emphasize self-regulation skills, ensuring that all teacher candidates regardless of family background are equally equipped to develop and demonstrate emotional maturity.

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