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TITLE OF THESIS

“A STUDY OF PARENTING STYLES, EMOTIONAL MATURITY AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AMONG ADOLESCENTS”

This study was conducted to examine the effect of parenting styles and emotional maturity and study its relationship with academic achievement. The theoretical orientation is based upon the works of various psychologists like Chamney, Baldwin, Maccoby and Martin. Baldwin emphasized that the personality of an individual is influenced by the early social contacts and Maccoby & Martin stated that parenting style is studied under two major dimensions that is demandingness and responsiveness. Steinberg emphasized three different characteristics of parenting that is

- a. High degree of warmth
- b. High degree of psychological autonomy
- c. High degree of behavioural control

The literary portion of the thesis shows studies conducted by Indian and foreign authors on the related problems and were divided into

- a. Studies relating to parenting behavior, family environment and emotional maturity.
- b. Academic Achievement, parenting and personality related issues.
- c. Overview

The topic of parenting has both philosophical and religious aspects. Parenting has been studied in the context of adolescence which is a period of difficult adjustment particularly in urbanized and competitive society. This study focuses on three major styles of parenting that is Authoritative, Authoritarian & Permissive.

The data was collected through questionnaire on a sample of 200 students of class IXth of Govt. Senior Secondary School of district of South Delhi. The major tools of the data were parenting style questionnaire, emotional maturity scale and measures of academic achievement.

There were eight major objectives of the study and six major null hypotheses. The investigator took null hypotheses into consideration because of descriptive research. Analysis of raw data entailed the use of percentages, chi-square test

and the use of contingency coefficient. The eight major objectives were shown through graph and major findings of the study were shown in percentages.

The result of the study shows that only father's parenting style has been found to be associated significantly with emotional maturity of their children.

The class IXth adolescents stay in school for a longer period of time and spend more time with peer group than with their parents. The influence of VCR's, cable TV and other media also affect the cultural values of students.