

Friendship Pattern as a Correlate of Age and Gender Differences among Urban Adolescents

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ABSTRACT This study was conducted to assess the gender differences in the pattern of friendships among urban adolescents (14-17 years). The study was based upon a sample of 200 adolescents (100 boys and 100 girls) drawn equally from four randomly selected schools of Ludhiana city. A list of all students aged between 14-17 years in selected schools was prepared by ascertaining their date of birth from school records. 50 boys and 50 girls from two age groups, that is, 14-15.5 and 15.5-17 years were taken to make a total of 100 boys and 100 girls. The results revealed that females exhibited significantly more intense friendship as compared to their male counterparts, yet the differences were greater in the older adolescents as compared to the younger ones. Friendship patterns in males were better in younger years whereas, females exhibited almost similar patterns of friendship in both the age-groups