

An Investigation into Secondary School Students' Trichotomous Achievement Goals

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Abstract

The primary purpose of this study is to investigate secondary school students' trichotomous achievement goals. Design of this study is cross sectional in nature. Descriptive survey research method was applied and quantitative perspective was used by Excel and SPSS software programs were applied in this study. As the research instruments, Achievement Goals Questionnaire (AGQ) was applied. AGQ included three subscales such as mastery goal, performance approach goal and performance avoidance goal. Each subscale consisted of six items and there were altogether 18 items in AGQ. A total of 400 secondary school students (200 males and 200 females) from four high schools in Yangon Region were purposefully selected for this study. Alpha reliability for AGQ revealed at 0.88. As the result of this study, the secondary school students' achievement goal was satisfied. The result of this study revealed that a significant difference existed in achievement goal with respect to grade. But there was no difference in achievement goals with respect to gender and type of school.

Key words: Achievement Goals, Mastery Goal, Performance Approach Goal, Performance Avoidance Goal.

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