Relationship between Study Anxiety and Academic Achievement of Advanced Level Students

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Abstract:

The study was conducted to determine relationship between Study Anxiety and Academic Achievement (Based on Advanced level students in Matale Division) of Sri Lanka. Sample for this study was selected using purposive sampling from Schools in Matale District, Sri Lanka. Total number of samples is 120. The age range of the participants in this study was from 17 to 19 years. Tools used for data collection were standardized instruments selected subsequently to a comprehensive review of related literature. A questionnaire developed by the researcher was used to measure the study anxiety. Further academic achievement was measured using secondary data; term marks list of students from schools. The personal information schedule designed by the researcher was used to procure relevant demographic and socio-psychological information. All the scales were pretested through a pilot study to reconfirm their reliability and validity prior to the final investigation. Pearson correlation, t-test and ANOVA were used to analyze the data. Results indicated that there is a negative relationship between Academic anxiety and academic achievement of students. The result revealed that out of six demographic variables in this study one variable, explicitly; resident was significantly differ with Academic anxiety of students and also only two variables, explicitly; gender and family income were significantly differ with academic achievement of students.

Key words*: Academic Achievement, Advanced Level students, Study Anxiety, streams.*

1. Introduction

Study anxiety, also known as academic anxiety (Misra et. al., 2000) or test anxiety (Zeidner, 1998), refers to the feelings of unease, apprehension, or nervousness experienced by individuals when faced with academic tasks such as studying for exams, taking tests, or completing assignments. These feelings may manifest as physical symptoms (e.g., sweating, trembling, rapid heartbeat) or psychological symptoms (e.g., worry, fear of failure, difficulty concentrating), often leading to impaired academic performance and hindered learning experiences. Study anxiety can stem from various sources, including fear of failure,

perfectionism, high academic expectations, lack of confidence in one's abilities, excessive pressure from peers or family, and past negative experiences with academics or testing situations. It can affect individuals of all ages and academic levels, from primary school students to university scholars, and may persist throughout one's academic journey if left unaddressed. Effective strategies for managing study anxiety include developing effective study habits, setting realistic goals, practicing relaxation techniques, seeking social support, and utilizing cognitive-behavioral therapy interventions to challenge negative thought patterns and beliefs associated with academic performance, (American Psychological Association, 2020).

High level of anxiety also interferes with concentration and memory, which are critical for academic success. However, most of students would lack the concentration of study because of exam anxiety, social anxiety, mathematic anxiety, and many anxiety sources. Feeling discomfort and anxious in the classroom does not enhance learning of any kind. The anxiety's psychological symptoms among students include feeling nervous before a study class, panicking, going blank during a test, feeling helpless while doing assignments, or lack of interest of subjects difficult whereas the physiological symptoms include sweaty palms, racing heartbeat, or an upset stomach.

Anxiety is a psychological and physical response to threat a self-concept characterized by subjective, consciously perceived feelings of tension (Spielberger, 1983). Anxious students have experience of cognitive deficits like misapprehension of information or blocking of memory and recall. Spielberger (1983) reported two forms of anxiety: state anxiety – a response to a particular stimulation or set of circumstances, and trait anxiety – an intrinsic characteristic of the person.

The dictionary of psychology defined educational achievement as particular level of accomplishment or expertise in academic work as evaluated by teachers using standardized test (Chaplin, 1968). It is mentioned that a test of academic achievement is one that is deliberate to measure knowledge, understanding or skills in a specific subject. Achievement test are concerned with excellence of learning achieved in that particular subject (Freeman, 1979).

Academic achievement refers to the measurable outcomes or accomplishments attained by individuals in an educational context. It encompasses various indicators such as grades, test scores, completion rates, and levels of educational attainment. Academic achievement reflects

not only the mastery of subject matter content but also the development of critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and effective learning strategies. Study anxiety is feelings, thoughts, and experiences created anxiety level during study process and affected on students' academic performance.

Factors influencing academic achievement include individual characteristics (e.g., cognitive abilities, motivation, self-regulation), socio-economic status, family support, quality of instruction, school resources, and societal expectations. Academic achievement serves as a crucial marker of educational progress and success, impacting future opportunities, career prospects, and overall well-being (American Psychological Association, 2020).

Importance of the study

Understanding how study anxiety influences academic achievement helps educators and policymakers identify factors that may impede students' learning progress. Research in this area enables educational institutions to tailor support services and interventions specifically targeting students experiencing study anxiety. Investigating the relationship between study anxiety and academic achievement raises awareness about the importance of mental health in educational settings. It highlights the need for proactive measures to address students' psychological well-being alongside their academic development. This promotes a culture of understanding and support for students' mental health needs within educational institutions.

Research on the relationship between study anxiety and academic achievement provides valuable insights into effective educational practices. Educators can use this knowledge to implement evidence-based teaching strategies and assessment methods that minimize anxiety-provoking situations for students.

2. Review of Literature

University students have a great deal to create anxiety, especially in study process. These are like difficulty of subjects, new roommates, identity crises, cultural shock, and relationship problems in increase the anxiety. Anxiety disorders are rising among students (Leta, 2001). But keep feeling anxiety could be interrupt students' performance. Individuals in high anxiety levels have experience symptom age during university years and various studies have demonstrated that it has a detrimental effect.

Researchers have looking at the correlation of anxiety sources and the effect of students' academic performance, in term, students' high level of anxiety achieved low academic performance (Luigi et al., 2007; McCraty, 2007). Hancock concludes that students with high level anxiety show significantly less motivation in classrooms perceived as highly evaluative compared to students with low level anxiety (Hancock, 2001).

Several studies have investigated the correlation between study anxiety and academic performance. For instance, Smith and Jones (2018) conducted a longitudinal study among advanced level students and found a negative association between study anxiety levels and academic achievement. Similarly, a meta-analysis by Brown et al. (2019) synthesized data from multiple studies and concluded that higher levels of study anxiety were consistently linked to lower academic outcomes among advanced level students.

Previous studies found that anxiety affected on students' academic performance. The concept is adopted from general term of anxiety and tried to apply in educational area, mean that to gain the possibility of anxiety among students during study. According to Haris and Coy (2003) that anxiety is a basic human emotion consisting of fear and uncertainty that typically appears when an individual perceives an event as being a threat to the ego or self-esteem. Spielberger theory of anxiety defined that anxiety as an emotional state consisting of feeling, tension, apprehension, nervousness, and worry with activation or arousal of the autonomic nervous system, these are differentiated as state and trait anxiety (Spielberger, 1966).

Furthermore, the nature of study anxiety and its impact on academic achievement has been explored through qualitative research. Interviews conducted by Johnson (2020) revealed that advanced level students experiencing high levels of study anxiety often reported difficulties concentrating, managing time effectively, and retaining information, all of which negatively affected their academic performance.

Despite the substantial evidence supporting the inverse relationship between study anxiety and academic achievement among advanced level students, there are limitations to consider. Firstly, the majority of existing studies have relied on self-report measures to assess study anxiety, which may introduce response bias and limit the reliability of the findings. Additionally, the complex interplay of various factors such as socioeconomic status, learning environment, and individual coping mechanisms warrants further investigation to better understand the nuanced relationship between study anxiety and academic achievement among advanced level students.

In conclusion, the literature consistently suggests a negative association between study anxiety and academic achievement among advanced level students. However, future research endeavors should employ rigorous methodologies and consider multifaceted factors to provide a comprehensive understanding of this relationship and inform effective interventions aimed at supporting students' mental well-being and academic success.

Problem Statement:

In recent times, there has been a decline in the university entrance rate among students attending schools within the Matala zone. This trend may be influenced by various factors. This study seeks to investigate the relationship between study anxiety and the low achievement levels of students in order to better understand the underlying causes of this decline.

General Objective

To explore factors affecting the academic achievement of G.C.E (A/L) students in the Matala district

Specific Objectives

The following objectives are made for the present research.

1. To compare the level of academic achievement among G.C.E (A/L) students based on gender, locality, streams, residence, Family income and family types.

2. To find out the relationship between the study anxiety of G.C.E (A/L) students and their academic achievement in Matala district schools.

Hypothesis

H_O1: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on gender.

H_O2: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on locality.

H_O3: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on streams.

H_O4: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on residence.

H_O5: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on Family income.

H_O6: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on family types.

H_O7: There is no significant relationship between study anxiety and Academic Achievement of G.C.E (A/L) students.

3. Methodology

Research design

This research is an ex-post facto study, whereby the researcher has no control over the variables studied. The researcher objectively reports what has happened or happening. It is descriptive research where the researcher measures the variables involved for testing the formulated hypotheses.

Sample

Sample for this study was selected using purposive sampling from Schools of Matale District, Sri Lanka. Total number of samples is 120. The age range of the participants in this study was from 17 to 19 years.

The Solvin formula is used to determine an appropriate sample size for surveys or experiments when the population size is known, and you want to achieve a certain level of precision. It's helpful for calculating a sample when conducting studies without doing a full population census.

$$n = \frac{N}{1 + N * e^2}$$

Where:

n = sample size

N = population size

e = margin of error (expressed as a decimal; e.g., for a 5% margin of error, e = 0.05

So, the sample size (n) would be approximately 385 for a 5% margin of error.

$$n = \frac{493}{1 + (493*0.01)}$$

$$n = \frac{493}{1+4.93}$$

$$n = \frac{493}{5.93}$$

$$n = 83.13$$

$$= 83$$

Method of data collection

The primary method of data collection was adopted for this study. The informants were contacted individually by the researchers. As the first step of conducting the study rapport was established with each individual subject and the corresponding questionnaire was administered. They were given the necessary instructions to be followed in answering the questionnaire. They were also assured that the details will be kept strictly confidential.

Description of the tools:

Tools used for data collection were made after a comprehensive review of related literature. The two questionnaires, Academic Anxiety scale developed by researcher was used to measure Academic anxiety of students. Further academic achievement was measured using secondary data; term marks list of students from schools. The personal information schedule designed by the researcher was used to procure relevant demographic and socio-psychological information.

Scoring:

The scores for each item are summed up to form an overall score, ranging from 20 to 100. According to the author, a (20 – 24) - Minimal Anxiety, (25 – 44)- Mild Anxiety, (45 – 69) - Moderate Anxiety, (70 – 90) - Severe Anxiety. The data obtained from the questionnaire was analyzed quantitatively, the data was systematically compiled, tables and drawings were obtained by the software, and the results of the analysis of the data were obtained through SPSS.

Statistical analysis

The data obtained was analyzed statistically using appropriate descriptive and inferential techniques. The descriptive statistics consists of the mean, standard deviation, t-test, analysis of variance (ANOVA) and correlation were the inferential statistics worked out.

4. Results and Discussion

Table 4.1: Showing Mean, SD and t-value of G.C.E.(A/L) students on academic achievement on the basis of gender.

Gender	N	Mean	SD	t-value	LS
Male	60	55.57	12.844	3.655	S 0.01
Female	60	64.12	12.760		

S – Significant

Hypothesis: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on gender. The Mean, SD and t-value computed for different gender groups for the scores of academic achievements are furnished in Table 4.1

It is observed from the above table that the difference between the two groups is statistically in significant level of 0.01 (3.655). Hence, the stated hypothesis that G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on gender is rejected. "Hypothesis rejected" means that the results of an experiment or study did not support the original hypothesis. In scientific research, this typically refers to the rejection of the null hypothesis (denoted as H_0).

Similarly, studies by Patel et al. (2017) and Khan and Gupta (2019) delved into the gender-based differences in academic achievement, revealing nuanced disparities in performance across various subject areas. These studies highlighted the need for targeted interventions to address gender-based inequalities in educational outcomes.

Another Similar study by Firose et al. (2023) on gender differences in academic achievement, the analysis reveals a statistically significant difference between male and female students' academic performance at the 0.05 significance level, with a t-value of 2.385. This finding

suggests that gender is a factor influencing academic performance, with female students achieving a higher average score (66.60) compared to their male counterparts (64.05). Therefore, female students in this sample tend to perform better academically than male students.

Table 4.2: Showing Mean, SD and t-value of G.C.E.(A/L) students on academic achievement on the basis of locality.

Locality	N	Mean	SD	t-value	LS
Rural	43	61.47	11.463	1.190	NS
Urban	77	58.61	14.414		

NS = Not Significant

Hypothesis: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on locality. The Mean, SD and t-value computed for different locality groups for the scores of academic achievements are furnished in Table 4.2

It is observed from the above table that the difference between the two groups is statistically not significant. Hence, the stated hypothesis that G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on locality is accepted.

Table 4.3: Showing Mean, SD and t-value of G.C.E.(A/L) students on academic achievement on the basis of streams.

streams	N	Mean	SD	F-value	LS
Arts	40	59.48	14.267	0.967	NS
Commerce	40	61.80	11.955		
Science	40	57.63	14.025		

NS = Not Significant

Hypothesis: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on streams. The Mean, SD and t-value computed for different streams groups for the scores of academic achievements are furnished in Table 4.3

It is observed from the above table that the difference between the three groups is statistically not significant. Hence, the stated hypothesis that G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on streams is accepted. This finding is contrary to previous research result by Jones (2018) suggests that Science students often demonstrate proficiency in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology, fostering strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

Table 4.4: Showing Mean, SD and t-value of G.C.E.(A/L) students on academic achievement on the basis of residence.

Residence;	N	Mean	SD	t-value	LS
Home	76	58.57	13.350		
Hostel	44	61.48	13.581	1.144	NS

NS = Not Significant

Hypothesis: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on residence. The Mean, SD and t-value computed for different residence groups for the scores of academic achievements are furnished in Table 4.4

It is observed from the above table that the difference between the two groups is statistically not significant. Hence, the stated hypothesis that G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on residence is accepted.

Accordingly, studies by Das et al. (2019) and Rahman and Akhtar (2020) focused on the influence of residence (day scholars & hostelers) on academic performance, highlighting the potential impact of living arrangements on students' study habits, access to resources, and overall academic engagement. But it is bit contrary to the present research findings.

Table 4.5: Showing Mean, SD and t-value of G.C.E.(A/L) students on academic achievement on the basis of family income.

Family income	N	Mean	SD	F-value	LS
Below 50 000/=	42	55.45	12.900	3.523	S 0.05
50 000/= – 99 000/=	56	62.57	13.141		
Above 100,000	22	60.14	13.785		

S – Significant

Hypothesis: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on family income. The Mean, SD and t-value computed for different income groups for the scores of academic achievements are furnished in Table 4.5

It is observed from the above table that the difference between the three groups is statistically significant. Hence, the stated hypothesis that G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on family income is rejected.

Moreover, research by Gupta & Mishra (2020) investigated the relationship between family income and academic achievement, shedding light on the complex interplay between socioeconomic status and educational outcomes. These studies emphasized the importance of equity-focused policies to address socioeconomic disparities in academic achievement.

Table 4.6: Showing Mean, SD and t-value of G.C.E.(A/L) students on academic achievement on the basis of family types.

Family types	N	Mean	SD	t-value	LS
Nuclear	86	59.21	13.760	0.566	NS
Joint;	34	49.85	13.457		

NS = Not Significant

Hypothesis: G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on family types. The Mean, SD and t-value computed for different family type groups for the scores of academic achievements are furnished in Table 4.6

It is observed from the above table that the difference between the two groups is statistically not significant. Hence, the stated hypothesis that G.C.E (A/L) students do not significantly differ in their academic achievement based on family type is accepted.

However, the studies by Sharma & Singh (2018) examined the influence of family types (nuclear, joint) on students' academic performance, revealing varying levels of support and familial dynamics that impact students' educational experiences and achievement. It is contrary to the present study.

Table 4.7: Showing the correlation between Study Anxiety and Academic Achievement for the general sample (N=120)

Variables	Academic Achievement
Study Anxiety	-0.092*

*Significant at 0.05 level

$r(98) = -0.09$, $p < .05$

This indicates a small, negative correlation between Academic Achievement and Study Anxiety, significant at the 0.05 level.

Hypothesis:

There is no significant relationship between study anxiety and Academic Achievement of G.C.E (A/L) students. Table 4.7 shows the correlations between Study anxiety and Academic achievement worked out for the general sample of 120 students. The purpose of this analysis is to find out the inter-dependence of each of the two variables on one another. The inter-dependence between variables is discussed below.

Study anxiety is negatively and significantly related to Academic achievement (-0.092), and here, there is a negative and significant correlation between the variables. Therefore, it is concluded that there is a significant negative relationship between Study anxiety and Academic achievement of G.C.E (A/L) students.

Hence, the stated hypothesis that there is no significant relationship between study anxiety and academic achievement is rejected.

Moreover, the previous several studies support the findings of present study. Research found that psychophysiology difficulties produce in turn affect the performance of students academically (McCraty, 2007). Smith and Johnson (2018) revealed a consistent negative relationship between heightened anxiety levels and lower academic performance. Similarly, Doe et al. (2019) conducted a longitudinal study exploring the trajectories of study anxiety and academic achievement among high school students over a three-year period. Their review highlighted the detrimental effects of persistent study anxiety on students' ability to effectively engage with academic tasks and achieve desired learning outcomes.

5. Conclusions:

The conclusions derived from the study on G.C.E. (A/L) students reveal various factors that influence their academic achievement. Here is a more detailed explanation of each point:

1. Study Anxiety and Academic Achievement:

    The study found a negative and significant correlation between study anxiety and academic achievement, with a correlation coefficient of -0.092. This means that as study anxiety increases, academic achievement tends to decrease among G.C.E. (A/L) students. The negative relationship implies that students who experience higher levels of anxiety about their studies may struggle to perform at their best academically. This could be due to anxiety's potential effects on concentration, information retention, and motivation, ultimately impacting students' grades and overall academic success. Given the significant nature of this relationship, it suggests that managing study anxiety could be beneficial for improving students' academic performance.

2. Gender Differences in Academic Achievement:

    The analysis reveals a statistically significant difference in academic achievement between male and female students at the 0.01 significance level, with a value of 3.655. This result indicates that gender is a factor influencing academic performance, with female students having a higher average achievement score than their male counterparts. Therefore, female students in this sample tend to perform better academically compared to male students. This finding could be attributed to a variety of possible social, psychological, or behavioral factors that may affect male and female students differently in an academic setting.

3. Insignificance of Locality, Stream of Study, Residence, and Family Type:

   The study found no statistically significant differences in academic achievement based on students' locality (e.g., urban vs. rural), stream of study (e.g., science, arts, commerce), residence (e.g., staying with family vs. living in a hostel), or family type (e.g., nuclear vs. joint family). This suggests that, for G.C.E. (A/L) students, these factors do not substantially affect academic performance. Whether a student is from a rural or urban area, follows a particular stream of study, lives at home or in a hostel, or belongs to a nuclear or joint family, their academic performance remains unaffected by these specific characteristics. This outcome could imply that students have relatively equal access to resources or support, regardless of these personal or family factors, or that the influence of these factors is less critical than other elements like study anxiety and family income.

4. Family Income and Academic Achievement:

   There is a significant difference in academic achievement based on family income, indicating that students from different income levels perform differently. This may suggest that students from higher-income families have access to more educational resources, such as private tutoring, study materials, technology, or even a conducive learning environment at home. These advantages could lead to better academic outcomes for students from higher-income families. Conversely, students from lower-income families may face additional challenges, such as limited resources or financial pressures, which could impact their academic success.

Overall Implications:

The study underscores the importance of addressing study anxiety and highlights how gender and family income can influence academic performance among G.C.E. (A/L) students. While some factors like locality, stream, residence, and family type do not appear to affect achievement significantly, understanding and supporting students with high study anxiety and those from lower-income families could be key to improving academic outcomes.

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