



A STUDY OF VOCATIONAL CHOICES OF SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRL STUDENTS STUDYING IN CLASS IX IN PATNA

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Abstract

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INTRODUCTION

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Whole "choices" has been assigned a key role in the "wise choice of a vocation" since the early 20th century; they have been defined over those years in a variety of ways as constellations of likes and dislikes, as patterns of behavior as outcomes of behavior, as activities, as drives, as self-concepts, or as aspect of personality. The concise Oxford Dictionary defines vocational choices as a "quality exciting (concern or curiosity) or holding one's attention". Thus clearly imparting an affective, motivational flavor to the term. A common thread in psychological views of choices over the years is that they are a pervasive aspect of an individual's personality and are highly relevant in explaining behavior.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. The vocational choices of secondary school girl's students.
2. The vocational choices based on father's qualification.
3. The vocational choices based on annual income of the family.

METHOD- The researcher used the Survey Method for present study

SAMPLE

The investigator use lottery method to draw a simple random sample. The investigator present study has selected 100 girls students studying in class IX from Bankipur Gov. Senior Girls Secondary School, Patna. The sample was selected randomly.

DATA GATHERING TOOLS AND TECHNIQUE

For present study the investigators has constructed a questionnaire as data gathering tool and try out on small group before testing in school.

ANALYSIS OF DATA

Keeping in view the objectives of study, the investigator has calculated percentage of the data.

Table-1 Vocational Choices of Secondary School Girls Students

Vocations	F	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Doctor	24	24	16
Teacher	20	20	8
Air Hostes	16	16	10
Singer	14	14	14

It is inferred from Table-1 that among 4 Vocations given in the questionnaire only 4 vocations i.e. Doctor, teacher, air hostes were preferred mostly by secondary school girl students. Out of 4 vocations doctor and teacher were preferred most and Air hostes and singer were preferred least.

Vocational Choices of Secondary School Girls Students with respect to father's qualification

Table-2 Vocational Choice as Doctor and Father's qualification

Fathers Qualification	F	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Illiterate	20	5	2
Matriculate	30	6	3
Intermediate	25	7	3
Graduate	10	3	1

It is inferred from table-2 that out of 4 vocation preferred 5% girl students whose father's are illiterate, 6% girl students whose father's matriculate, 7% whose father's intermediate, 3% whose father's graduate have preferred doctor as 1st choice, 2% as 2nd choice illiterate, 3% of matriculate, 3% of intermediate, 1% of graduate.

Table-3 Vocational Choice as Teacher and Father's qualification

Fathers Qualification	F	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Illiterate	20	4	1
Matriculate	30	3	2
Intermediate	25	4	2
Graduate	10	5	2

It is inferred from the table-3 that out of 4 vocation preferred 4% girl students whose father's illiterate, 3% of matriculate, 4% of intermediate, 5% of graduate have preferred teacher as 1st choice, 1% girl students whose father's are illiterate, 2% as matriculate, 2% as intermediate, 2% as graduate as 2nd choice.

Table-4 Vocational Choice as Air Hostess and Father's qualification

Fathers Qualification	F	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Illiterate	20	1	2
Matriculate	30	2	1
Intermediate	25	4	2
Graduate	10	3	2

It is inferred from the table-4 that out of 4 vocation preferred 1% girl students whose father's illiterate, 2% of matriculate, 4% of intermediate, 3% of graduate have preferred air hostess as 1st choice, 2% girl students whose father's are illiterate, 1% as matriculate, 2% as intermediate, 2% as graduate as 2nd choice.

Table-5 Vocational Choice as Singer and Father's qualification

Fathers Qualification	F	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Illiterate	20	6	1
Matriculate	30	1	2
Intermediate	25	4	1
Graduate	10	1	4

It is inferred from the table-5 that out of 4 vocation preferred 6% girl students whose father's illiterate, 1% of matriculate, 4% of intermediate, 1% of graduate have preferred singer as 1st choice, 1% girl students whose father's are illiterate, 2% as matriculate, 1% as intermediate, 4% as graduate as 2nd choice.

Table-6 Vocational choices of secondary school girl students with respect to annual income of the family

Vocations	Annual Income in Rs.	F	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Doctor	1,50,000 -2,00,000	26	7	3
	1,00,000 -1,50,000	27	5	3
	50,000 - 1,00,000	20	2	3
	10,000 - 50,000	17	4	2
	Below 10,000	-	-	-
Teacher	1,50,000 - 2,00,000	26	3	1
	1,00,000 -1,50,000	27	6	1
	50,000 - 1,00,000	20	8	2
	10,000 - 50,000	17	2	2
	Below 10,000	-	-	-
Air Hostess	1,50,000 - 2,00,000	26	4	2
	1,00,000 - 1,50,000	27	3	3
	50,000 -1,00,000	20	4	1
	10,000 - 50,000	17	2	1
	Below 10,000	-	-	-
Singer	1,50,000 - 2,00,000	26	2	4
	1,00,000 -1,50,000	27	4	3
	50,000 - 1,00,000	20	4	5
	10,000 - 50,000	17	2	1
	Below 10,000	-	-	-

It is inferred from table-6 that out of four vocations preferred, 7%, 3%, 4% and 2% students whose family income is in between 1.5 to 2 lakhs have preferred Doctor, Teacher, Air Hostes and Singer as 1st choice and 3%, 1%, 2% and 4% students whose family income is in between 1 to 1.5 lakhs have preferred 2nd choice.

MAJOR FINDINGS

The findings shows that out of four vocations preferred, the most preferred vocation is doctor and least preferred vocation is singer by secondary school girl students. The % analysis shows that out of four vocations preferred, 24 % of girl students have preferred doctor as 1st choice, 16% as second choice. Out of four vocations preferred 14% girl students have

preferred singer as 1st choice, 14% as second choice. This may be done to the fact that doctor as a profession is called as noble profession and doctors are said as next to God.

CONCLUSION

Among 50 vocations given in the questionnaire only four vocations i.e Doctor, teacher, Air Hostess and Singer are preferred mostly by secondary school girl students. This may be due to lack of occupational information about other vocations. It may be because of attitudes towards work itself are learnt in the home and play their part in developing in the individual preference for certain occupations and dislike for others. It may also be because of ability, interest and personality of secondary school girl students.

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