

AWARENESS OF GOMAL UNIVERSITY TEACHERS IN BASICS OF RESEARCH

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Abstract

The study was to test the level of awareness of Gomal University teachers in basics of research. A multiple choice test having 20 items was used for the purpose. The items of the test were constructed from those terms which are commonly used in the process of research in social sciences, for example meaning and definitions of research, types and methods of research, variables, hypotheses, assumption, sample and population, limitations and delimitations, validity and reliability etc. The test was developed from related literature and its judgmental validity was determined with the help of experts in Institute of Education and Research, Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan.

It was found that there was difference in awareness between different categories of teachers in basics of research. The teachers have very low awareness on the terms like variables, assumptions, delimitation, validity and reliability of the test.

Background of the Study.

Pakistan is lagging behind in practical research if compared with developed countries. One of the reasons may be the deteriorating standards of higher education, particularly in teaching and conducting theoretical and practical research. Today the function of University has been changed all over the world. The main responsibility of university teachers is to conduct systematic research in their respective fields. Bennius, Benne and Chin (1969) have stated that educational research is of positive benefit to both teachers and administrators and should play an increasing role in the development of educational policies and improvement of teaching strategies. Research findings can be used as an agent of change acting in variety of ways". T. Husen (1968 p.326) has discussed the basic research as a genuine and unique function and responsibility of university. He has stated that it is not the only role of university scholars to develop instructional system or introduce new classroom practices. Their role is properly fulfilled if they are indulged in intensive research and proceed towards developmental work.

Pakistan is an Islamic country and Islam is much in favour of thinking and doing research. Allah the Almighty has revealed the importance of thinking and searching in His Holy Book Quran as follows:

And He hath constrained the night and the day and the sun and the moon to be of service unto you, and the stars are made subservient by His command. Lo! herein indeed are portents for people who have sense.

(The Bee, 12)

The Prophet of Allah Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H) has also said that Allah Has given due weightage to the intellect of human being. Hazrat Abu Huraira has narrated that Prophet (P.B.U.H) said that when Allah created human intellect. Then Allah said that I did not create anything which is better than you and nothing is higher than you and nothing is more pretty than you and I will catch by virtue (means) of you and will bestow by virtue of you and I will recognize by virtue of you and will give punishment due to you. Reward is due to you and punishment is also due to you. Mishkat Sharif, Kitab-ul-Ad'ab Bad-ul-hazrah, third section).