

A STUDY ON WISDOM LEVELS AMONG RETIRED PROFESSIONALS

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this investigation was to identify the wisdom levels among retired professionals according to the personal variables selected for the study. The differences in wisdom levels were studied according to the retired professional's age, gender, retired occupation, education, and current working status. A sample number of 180 retired professionals from five categories of occupations (teaching, research, administration, law and medicine) were selected. To study the wisdom levels among the retired professionals a scale was developed on wisdom and standardized by the investigator called as self-measured wisdom scale. The results of the study indicate that, the retired professionals belonged to the 61-65 years were found more on the above average wisdom level than the older age group retirees. Retired men were wiser than the retired women and retired occupation wise differences shows that, the number of administrators had above average wisdom levels whereas average wisdom levels were higher among lawyers. Wisdom levels, according to education wise shows that, the retired professionals with doctoral degree and post-graduate degrees were wiser. Further, the results of the study also show that, the retired, who is working as full-time employee after their formal retirement was wiser than the sample that is not-working.

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