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A study on impact of mobile usage on teenagers

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Abstract

Mobile phones have become the most popular way to communicate with other individuals. While they have created an unspoken social dependency. Adolescents and young adults are more likely to engage in SMS messaging, making phone calls, accessing the internet from their phone. Once pervaded by boredom, teenagers resort to insist connection, to someone, somewhere. Sensation seeking behaviour has also linked adolescents and young adults to have the desire to take risks with relationships, rules and roles. Individuals seek out entertainment and avoid boredom at all times be it appropriate or inappropriate. Cell phones are used for entertainment, information and social connectivity. It gives a great high to anyone to own such personal and private item. Ease to early adoption is another significant merit of mobile phone. The unprecedented growth of affordability and coverage of mobile telephony services and its increasing importance as a means of two way communication are responsible for the rapid expansion of mobile telephony all over the world. With view of this point the study was conducted to know the opinion of teenagers, adults and adolescents about usage of mobile phones. The study was conducted in and around Hubli-Dharwad and selection of respondents was through random sampling method. The total sample size was 50. The result indicated general information of the respondents indicated that cent percent of the respondents were belongs to 18 to 20 year age group. Majority (64.00%) of the respondents were male. The overall opinion index of the respondents to the extent of 57.20 and opinion of the respondents was non- significant relationship with age, gender, course studying of the respondents and parental occupation of the respondent.

Keywords: Mobile phones, cell phones, adolescents, concentration and opinion

1. Introduction

India's telecommunication network is the second largest in the world, based on the total number of telephone users. As the standard of living in India improves, cell phone ownership is nearly ubiquitous among teens and young adults and much of the growth in teen cell phone ownership has been driven by adoption among the youngest teens. Mobile phones have become the most popular way to communicate with other individuals. While they have created an unspoken social dependency. Adolescents and young adults are more likely to engage in SMS messaging, making phone calls, accessing the internet from their phone. Once pervaded by boredom, teenagers resort to insist connection, to someone, somewhere. Sensation seeking behaviour has also linked adolescents and young adults to have the desire to take risks with relationships, rules and roles. Individuals seek out entertainment and avoid boredom at all times be it appropriate or inappropriate. Cell phones are used for entertainment, information and social connectivity.

In India every house hold item is social. The mobile is the only item which qualifies to become the first personal, protected and private item of possession. It gives a great high to anyone to own such personal and private item. Ease to early adoption is another significant merit of mobile phone. The unprecedented growth of affordability and coverage of mobile telephony services and its increasing importance as a means of two way communication are responsible for the rapid expansion of mobile telephony all over the world. With view of this point the study was conducted to know the opinion of teenagers, adults and adolescents about usage of mobile phones.

2. Materials and Method

The study was conducted in and around Hubli-Dharwad and selection of respondents was through random sampling method. The total sample size was 50 including both boys and girls. The collected data were tabulated, analyzed by using frequency, Percentage, index and correlation.

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3. Result and discussion

Table 1: General information of the respondents n=50

Sl. No	General information		Frequency	Percentage
1	Age	(<18 years)	-	
		(18-20 years)	50	100.00
		(>18 years)	-	
2	Gender	Male	32	64.00
		Female	18	36.00
3	Parent education	Illiterate	10	20.00
		Upto SSLC	16	32.00
		PUC & above	24	48.00
4	Course studying	PUC & Diploma	18	36.00
		Graduation	32	64.00

Table 1 refers to the general information of the respondents indicated that cent percent of the respondents were belongs to 18 to 20 year age group. Majority (64.00%) of the respondents were male followed by 36.00 percent were female. With respect to parental education 48.00 percent respondents parents were completed PUC and above followed by 32.00 percent were completed education up to

SSLC. Most (64.00%) of the respondents were studying graduation followed by PUC and diploma (36.00%). Data projected in Table 2 refers to the opinion of respondents regarding usage of mobile phones indicated that large majority (88.00%) of the respondents opined that mobile phones are easy to carry followed by 80.00 percent were opined simple to use. Majority 70.00percent of the respondents felt mobile phones are disturbing concentration level, speed and assess to communication over mobile phone is affecting trust and relationship (64.00%). Most (62.00%) of the respondents said mobile phones are very cheap & economical and use mobile phones due to peer group pressure, all are using android mobiles only (60.00%). Little half of the respondents opined that people are prone to loosing tendency to keep secrets because of this technology and mobile phones has given scope for being more by myself. Half of the respondents said face book facility is available in all mobile phones and mobile is a time pass device for all. The overall opinion index of the respondents to the extent of 57.20 due to higher education, exposure to the new technologies and improved socio-economic status.

Table 2: Opinion of respondents regarding usage of mobile phones n=50

Sl. No	Statements	Opinion of respondents		Opinion Index
		F	%	
1	Mobiles are liked because of quick communication	34	68.00	68.00
2	Mobiles are simple to use	40	80.00	80.00
3	Mobiles are very cheap and economical	31	62.00	62.00
4	Mobiles are easy to carry	44	88.00	88.00
5	Time spend on mobile conversation is more rather than with parents	15	30.00	30.00
6	Use of mobiles due to peer group pressure	16	62.00	62.00
7	By using mobiles conversation is easy rather than text messaging	15	30.00	30.00
8	Mobile is time pass thing for all	25	50.00	50.00
9	Mobile model is also prestigious issue	16	32.00	32.00
10	Mobiles is disturbing my concentration levels	35	70.00	70.00
11	Mobile has given scope for being more by myself	28	56.00	56.00
12	All are using android mobiles only	30	60.00	60.00
13	Face book facility is available in all mobiles	25	50.00	50.00
14	Speed & assess to communication over mobile phone is affecting trust and relationship	32	64.00	64.00
15	People are prone to loosing tendency to keep secrets because of this technology	28	56.00	56.00
	Overall index	57.20		

Table 3 shows that the relationship between selected independent variables and opinion of the respondents indicated that opinion of the respondents was non-significant relationship with age, gender, course studying of the respondents and parental occupation of the respondents. This mean that there is no relationship between selected independent variables and opinion of the respondents due to because of mobile phones are easy to handle, economical and widely & varieties available in the market

Table 3: Relationship between selected independent variables and opinion of the respondents

Sl. No	Variables	Opinion of respondents (r)
1	Age of the respondent	0.305 ^{NS}
2	Gender	0.493 ^{NS}
3	Parent occupation	0.620 ^{NS}
4	Course studying	0.05 ^{NS}

4. Summary and Conclusion

From the above study concluded that mobiles are easy to carry and simple to use and it has good impact on teenagers. Now days it is boon for students to gather information regarding their studies.

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