

Personality Assessment of the Elite Women Cricket Players

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Abstract – Cricket was first played in southern England in the 16th century. By the end of the 18th century, it had developed into the national sport of England. The expansion of the British empire led to cricket being played overseas and by the mid-19th century the first international matches were being held. The ICC, the game's governing body, has 10 full members. The game is most popular in Australia, England, the Indian subcontinent, the west indies and southern Africa.

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INTRODUCTION

Cricket is a bat and ball game, played between two teams of eleven players each. One team bats, attempting to score runs, while the other bowls and fields the ball, attempting to restrict the scoring and dismiss the batsmen. The objective of the game is for a team to score more runs than its opponent. In some forms of cricket, it may also be necessary to dismiss the opposition in order to win the match, which would otherwise be drawn

For a team sport, cricket places individual players under unusual scrutiny and pressure. Bowler, batsman, and fielder all act essentially independent of each other. While team managements can signal bowler or batsman to pursue certain tactics, the execution of the play itself is a series of solitary acts. Cricket is more similar to baseball than many other team sports in this regard: while the individual focus in cricket is slightly mitigated by the importance of the batting partnership and the practicalities of running, it is enhanced by the fact that a batsman may occupy the wicket for a long time.

Personality assessment is the measurement of personal characteristics. Assessment is an end result of gathering information intended to advance psychological theory and research and to increase the probability that wise decisions will be made in applied settings (e.g., in selecting the most promising people from a group of job applicants). The approach taken by the specialist in personality assessment is based on the assumption that much of the observable variability in behavior from one person to another result from differences in the extent to which individuals possess particular underlying personal characteristics (traits). The assessment specialist seeks to define these traits, to measure them

objectively, and to relate them to socially significant aspects of behavior.

Eysenck personality questionnaire (epq) is a questionnaire to assess the personality traits of a person. It was devised by the psychologists hans jürgen eysenck and his wife sybil b. G. Eysenck. Hans eysenck's theory is based primarily on physiology and genetics. Although he was a behaviorist who considered learned habits of great importance, he considers personality differences as growing out of our genetic inheritance. He is, therefore, primarily interested in what is usually called temperament. Temperament is that aspect of our personalities that is genetically based, inborn, there from birth or even before. That does not mean that a temperament theory says we don't also have aspects of our personality that are learned, it's just that Eysenck focused on "nature," and left "nurture" to other theorists.

PROCEDURE AND METHODOLOGY

For the purpose of the study the subjects selected were the members of the national women cricket camp organized for UAE Women Cricket Team

The questionnaire of the selected two variables were taken from maudsley Personality Inventory (MPI)

Written by H. J. Eysenck. Keeping in mind feasibility aspects and importance of psychological aspects, the following variables of the personality traits were selected for investigation purpose of the study

RESULT

Extraversion Neuroticism

Table

Mean, Standard Deviation, Coefficient of Variance of the Elite Indian Women Cricketers on Neuroticism and Extraversion

	No of the subjects	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	SD	Coefficient of Variation
N	16	34.00	67.00	54.375	9.938	0.182
E	16	32.00	68.00	55.125	8.659	0.159

EXPLANATION:

The mean value of standard score was found to be 54.375 and standard deviation was found to be 9.938 whereas the coefficient of variance was found. The mean value of standard score was found to be 55.125 and standard deviation was found to be 8.659 whereas the coefficient of variation was found to be 0.159

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The findings of the study clearly indicate that the Elite UAE women Cricket players are stable in neurotic and Extraversion Personality traits. Hypothesis earlier set that the elite UAE women cricket players would be stable in neurotic traits is accepted

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