A study about the uses of Mobile Phone by the Student

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Abstract

The importance and the uses of mobile phone are being increasing extensively in the present time. Mobile phone helps us in many ways. But at the same time some very serious problems have also emerged because of the mobile phone. With this background investigator conducted the present investigation to reach to the solutions of some important questions. Viz. How many students are using mobile phone? What are the objectives of the students for using mobile phone? How much time they spend for mobile phone? Is mobile phone effect adversely to the students learning as well as their relationship? etc. Investigator collected necessary data from the 200 college students of Surat city through the questionnaire prepared by him. The analysis of the data revealed some very important and interesting findings which suggest that the students should use the mobile phone more carefully. Moreover, parents would have to play a very crucial role in these perspectives.

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Introduction

The contribution of science and technology has been the key factor in the development process of human being. Human being living disorderly life in the ancient age has now became capable to live life quite systematically and in a very good condition just because of the various inventions of the science. One of the most important inventions is of mobile phone among the various inventions like fire, wheel, agriculture etc. off course, before the invention of the mobile phone various medium of communication came into existence gradually. But they were never as fastest as mobile phone. The invention of mobile phone has devoted tremendous contribution to speed up the revolution of Information and Communication Technology. Now the mobile phones are being used as one of the important source of retrieving the information too apart from the communication process only. Even life without mobile phone seems quite impossible in the urban areas. In short, the importance and uses of mobile phone are increasing on a large scale. But many questions have also emerged in this context. Antonia (2014) noted that "Mobile phones linked to erectile dysfunction, according to study." While as reported by the World Health Organization (2013) "Mobile Phones emit radiofrequency (RF) field a 1000 times greater than what is emitted from base stations. It's obvious that this increased emission is likely to have some adverse effect on health of users." In these perspectives it becomes very essential to find scientific answers of some important questions. i.e. How many students are using mobile phone? At what time they use mobile phone? How much money they spend for mobile phone? Is there any negative effect of mobile phone on their learning as well as life? etc. The Investigator determined to undertake the present investigation to reach to the scientific answers of such important questions.

Objectives of the Study

Following were the major objectives of the present investigation:

- (1) To study the ratio of students using mobile phone.
- (2) To study the objectives of using the mobile phone by the students.
- (3) To study the time being allotted by the students for using mobile phone.
- (4) To study the amount of expense being spend by the students for the mobile phone.
- (5) To study the effects of mobile phone on students learning, their relationship and their life.

Population and sample

All the students studying in the Third year of B.Com. Degree course in the Commerce College affiliated with the Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat were included in the population of the present study. Out of those students investigator selected 200 students studying in the Gujarati Medium Commerce Colleges located in the Surat City during the academic year 2013-14 using purposive Sampling method.

Research Tool

Looking to the nature and the objectives of the present investigation investigator felt it more proper to prepare one questionnaire for collecting the necessary data for the present investigation. In this questionnaire both open ended and close ended questions were included in accordance with the objectives of the present study.

Procedure of data collection

Investigator followed the data collection procedure very carefully, because the process of data collection can effect to the results of the investigation. After taking permission from the Principals of the colleges included in the Sample, investigator collected the necessary information from the subjects selected under study.

Data Analysis

No need of using any particular statistical technique emerged for the analysis of the data collected on the questionnaire. Only Frequency distribution tables were prepared and percentages were calculated.

Results

Through analyzing the collected data some following eye opening results came in to the light.

- (1) The ratio of students using mobile phone was 93%.
- (2) Because of their poor economic condition **7%** students could not use the mobile phone.
- (3) Majority (91.39%) students informed that they were using mobile phone for keeping touch with their family members and their friends.
 - (4) For the internet purpose **69.89%** students were using mobile phone.

- (5) Out of the study **59.14%** and **41.61%** students were using mobile phone for listening music and playing games respectively.
- (6) It could not be clear up exactly that for how much time students were using mobile Phone. But **87.63%** students accepted that they were keeping their mobile phone with themselves only.
- (7) The ratio of students spending more than Rs. 500 per month for mobile phone was reported **48.93%**, while the ratio of students spending Rs. 200 to 500 and within the limit of Rs. 100 per month reported **23.66%** and **12.37%** respectively. Interestingly **15.59%** students had no idea in this regard.
- (8) All the students using mobile phone had accepted that to live life without mobile phone is quite impossible. But at the same time **88.71%** students had confessed that the mobile phones are being misused.
- (9) Mobile Phone had affected adversely to their study said **80.11%** students clearly.
- (10) Moreover, **76.88%** students accepted that the use of mobile phone affected hazardously to their human relationship and life too.

Discussion

Some very important and interesting results observed through the present investigation regarding the use of mobile phone by the students. These results are having very important implications when the uses of mobile phone are being increasing extensively.

First of all if was very easily found to be noted that lots of time of the students is being wastage because of mobile phone. Thus, the possibility of affecting to the study emerges. Moreover, the situation seems more serious as majority of the students accepted that they used to keep their mobile phone always with them only. In this context, it becomes very necessary to provide systematic training to the students about how to keep distance with the mobile phone.

Majority of the students informed that they were using mobile phone to keep contact with their parents and their friends. Though 69.89% students confessed that they were using mobile phone for the use of internet, While 59.14% and 51.61% students were using mobile phone for listening music and playing games respectively. It can harm to their study. So it should be remembered that the mobile phone and the internet are the major challenges before the young generation in the present time and extra care is needed in this direction.

It is a separate topic of research that how much money students are getting per month as pocket money and how they use it. But here one finding of the present investigation is of serious nature that of **48.93%** students were spending more than 500 Rs. per month for the mobile phone. The proportion of this expense can be considered too much. This finding leads to an important implication that the proper training should be given to the students which can help them to reduce the expense being done for the mobile phone.

It is always expected that the concentration of the students must be on the study only during the student age. But the finding of this investigation is shocking one that the use of mobile phone is affecting adversely to the students study. This can also be considered as an alarming sign for the students and the society. It suggests that the concrete thinking and efforts should be taken up at family and school level. Same is the case with the affect of the mobile phone on the relationship and life too.

In short the results of the present investigation suggest that the students should use the mobile phone more carefully and rationally. Moreover, it is found to be noted that the parents would also have to play a very crucial role in these perspectives.

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