A Study related to Short term memory problems of elderly females living in Elderly Homes and Domestic residences

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A person over the age of 60 years is reckoned as an elderly person or a senior citizen of a country. It is reported that the majority of elderly persons are females. Due to this reason, females were selected as predominant samples of this study. It could be concluded that the short term memory power of elders living among the affection, warmth and love of children in homes takes a different nature than that of the elders living in Elders homes in anticipation of kindness, sympathy and benevolence of their children. Accordingly, the above situation could be identified as the background of this study. "Short term memory power of elderly females living in Elders homes and Domestic residences" could be identified as the study problem of this research. The objective of this study is to identity the nature of memory power of elderly females living in Elders homes and to ascertain the differences of memory power of elderly females living in Domestic residences and Elders homes. The hypothesis of this study is that there is a specific difference between the short term memory power of elderly females living in Elders homes and of those living in domestic residences. The Questionnaire system was adopted as the data collection procedure of this study. Finally, the conclusion arrived as the result of this was that "The short term memory power of elderly females living in Domestic residences is much higher than that of the elderly females living in Elders homes".

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