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The review of literature brought to light that there existed some relationship among the important variables such as Personality, Values, Interest, Attitude, Marital Relationship, Goals & Aspirations, Food and Clothing preference, governing the marriage. Hence in the present chapter the problem identified and the hypotheses formulated are presented.

3.1 Statement of the Problem

The present study delineates the conceptual framework for organizing research on personality factors, values, interest, attitudinal factors, goals & aspirations and food & clothing preferences of the married couples leading to better relationship, productivity and happiness. The rationale for selecting these particular variables and their importance for the study is that these variables seem to comprise the more stable and relevant psychological factors that influence the processing of partners' behavior and also they seem to pertain directly to the functioning of relationship in the marital context. Therefore, the present investigation was carried out to analyze the psychological determinants, such as – personality (Byrne, 1971; Hussain & Firdous, 1991), values (Kumar & Rohatgi, 1987), interests (Buss & Barnes, 1986), attitudes (Combs, 1978; Muuray, Holmes & Griffin, 1996), goals & aspirations and food & clothing
preferences (Hill, 1945, Newcomb, 1961, Hudson & Henze, 1969, Firdous, 1989, Silva, 1990), contributing to the marital-relationship. It was also decided to investigate the contribution of effective marital-relationship, along with the others factors, to the productivity of the married couples towards self, family and society and to the level of happiness (Kumar, 1986, Thoresen & Golgsmith, 1987) Comparison of couples with high and low marital-relationship, productivity and happiness was also investigated

3.2 Objectives of the Study

1. To ascertain the various factors contributing to the marital relationship of the couples

2. To study the contributions of personality, values, interests, attitudes, goals & aspirations, and food & clothing preferences, including the marital relationship of the couples to their productivity

3. To study the contributions of personality, values, interests, attitudes, goals & aspirations and food & clothing preferences, including the marital relationship of the couples to their happiness

4. To study how the married couples with better and poor marital relationship differ.
5. To study how the married couples with higher and lower productivity differ.

6. To study how the married couples with less and more happiness differ

3.3 Hypotheses

1. Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband and age of wife, will have significant contribution to the marital relationship.

1a. Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband and age of wife will have a higher contribution for the couples with better marital relationship than the couples with poor marital relationship.

2. Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband and age of wife and happiness including the marital relationship will significantly contribute to the productivity of the couples.

2a. Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband, age of wife and happiness will have a higher
contribution to the productivity for the couples with better marital relationship than for the couples with poor marital relationship.

2b Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband & age of wife, and happiness including the marital relationship will have a higher contribution for the couples with high productivity than the couples with lower productivity.

3 Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband & age of wife, productivity to family & society, and happiness including the marital relationship will significantly contribute to the productivity of self among the couples.

3a Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband & age of wife, productivity to family & society, and happiness will have a higher contribution to the productivity of self for the couples with better marital relationship than the couples with poor marital relationship.

4 Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of
husband & age of wife, productivity to self & society, and
happiness including the marital relationship will
significantly contribute to the productivity towards the
family among the couples.

4a Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations,
food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of
husband & age of wife, productivity of self & society, and
happiness will have a higher contribution to the productivity
towards the family for the couples with better marital
relationship than the couples with poor marital relationship.

5 Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations,
food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of
husband & age of wife, productivity to self & family, and
happiness including the marital relationship will
significantly contribute to the productivity towards society
among the couples.

5a Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations,
food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of
husband & age of wife, productivity of self & family, and
happiness will have a higher contribution to the productivity
towards society for the couples with better marital
relationship than the couples with poor marital relationship.
6. Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband & age of wife, productivity to self, family & society, including the marital relationship will significantly contribute to the happiness among the couples.

6a Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband & age of wife, productivity of self, family & society will have a higher contribution to the happiness among the couples with better marital relationship than the couples with poor marital relationship.

6b Personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, years of marital life, age of husband & age of wife, productivity of self, family & society including the marital relationship will have a higher contribution for the couples with better happiness than the couples with poor happiness.

7 Couples of poor marital relationship and better marital relationship will differ significantly in all the factors namely personality, values, interest, attitude, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, productivity of self, family & society, and happiness.
aspirations, food & clothing preferences, and productivity of self, family & society

Couples with high productivity will differ significantly from couples with lower productivity in all the factors namely personality, values, interest, attitude, relationship, goals & aspirations, food & clothing preferences, and happiness