PREFACE

The present author selected this topic for research in spite of innumerable studies on it in the West, as there were very few works with it on Indian population, and clinicians, due to want of published data have to depend on the scores forwarded by experts, ignoring the differences in cultural potentials. This particular topic was chosen as in this field there are still some unexplored areas for further exploration.

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Only few specimen protocols are given in the Appendix and the rest are not attached, but can be produced if necessary.

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