HYPOTHESES

Based on the review of literature and a pilot study, the following hypotheses were proposed:

A. Group Comparisons

1. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score highest on Neuroticism and Psychoticism in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.

2. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score lowest on Extraversion in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.

3. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score highest on Externality in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.

4. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score highest on Impulsivity and its dimension viz. Attention Impulsivity (Attention and Cognitive Instability), Motor Impulsivity (Motor, Perseverance) and Nonplanning Impulsivity (Self-Control and Cognitive Complexity), Total Impulsivity in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.

5. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score highest on Total Sensation Seeking and its dimensions viz., Disinhibition, Boredom Susceptibility, Thrill and Adventure Seeking and Experience Seeking in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.

5. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score highest on Stress dimensions (Stress Symptoms and Perceived Stress) in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.
6. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score highest on Emotion Focused Coping Style and Avoidant Coping in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.

Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score lowest on Task Focused Coping Style in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.

7. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score lowest on Mental Health and its dimension viz., Being Comfortable with Self, Being Comfortable with Others and Perceived Ability to Meet Life Demands in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.

8. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score lowest on Perceived Parental Care dimension in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents, and non gambling group of adolescents.

Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score highest on Perceived Parental Overprotection dimension in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents, and non gambling group of adolescents.

In addition, adolescents with gambling tendencies and non gambling adolescents were also compared on the scores obtained by adolescents on Satisfaction with time spent with father, Satisfaction with time spent with mother, Bonding with father and Bonding with mother.

9. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score lowest on Perceived Social Support in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.

10. Problem gambling group of adolescents were expected to score lowest on Perceived Health, Perceived Happiness and Satisfaction with Life in comparison to at-risk gambling group of adolescents, social gambling group of adolescents and non gambling group of adolescents.
B. Problem Gambling tendencies and its correlates

13. Problem Gambling tendencies were expected to be positively related with Neuroticism, Psychoticism, Sensation Seeking and its dimensions, Externality and Dimensions of Impulsivity in all groups of adolescents with different gambling tendencies.

14. Problem Gambling tendencies were expected to be negatively related with Extraversion in all groups of adolescents with different gambling tendencies.

15. Problem Gambling tendencies were expected to be positively related with Stress Symptoms, Perceived Stress and Avoidant Coping in all groups of adolescents with different gambling tendencies.

16. Problem Gambling tendencies were expected to be negatively related with Emotion Focused Coping and Task Focused Coping in all groups of adolescents with different gambling tendencies.

17. Problem Gambling tendencies were expected to be positively related with Perceived Parental Overprotection in all groups of adolescents with different gambling tendencies.

18. Problem Gambling tendencies were expected to be negatively related with Perceived Parental Care and Perceived Social Support in all groups of adolescents with different gambling tendencies.

In addition, relationship of gambling tendencies were explored on Satisfaction with time spent with father, Satisfaction with time spent with mother, Bonding with father and Bonding with mother in all groups of adolescents with different gambling tendencies.

19. Problem Gambling tendencies were expected to be negatively related with dimensions of Mental Health, Satisfaction with Life, Perceived Health and Perceived Happiness in all groups of adolescents with different gambling tendencies.
C. **Gender Differences**

20. Gender differences in gambling tendencies and their correlates were also explored in all the groups of adolescents with different gambling tendencies as well as non-gambling adolescents.