Frustrations either large or small, is a phenomenon, which confronts all of us in our daily life whenever the problem of adjustment arises. The study of frustration is quite importance because, of its close relation with the understanding of normal and abnormal behaviour, its inevitability in human life, its role in human adjustment and its growing importance in modern time.

It is universal in the sense that everyone all over the world experiences it, when ever one’s ongoing motivated behaviour is blocked. Therefore it seems to be of great use to study frustration. This study intends to give clues to the understanding of the patterns or modes of responses to frustrating situations at the different age levels.

The first chapter of INTRODUCTION in the present study gives in brief key features about the frustration reactions, cognitive style and conformity. The chapter also deals with great psychologist Jean Piaget’s theory of cognitive development. In the last section of this chapter problem, objectives, hypotheses and delimitation of the study are presented.

The second chapter is an attempt to REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE. It embodies investigations related to the frustration reactions, cognitive style and conformity with reference to gender differences at various age levels.

The third chapter comprises the METHODOLOGY adopted in the present investigation. It includes the method of study, variables, design,
selection of sample, tools, and statistical techniques used in the study. Details of procedures employed for data collection are also explained in this chapter.

The results of the study are presented in the fourth chapter ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION. The results are divided according to the three stages of cognitive development as given by Piaget. Tables, and graphs are also mentioned in this chapter.

The FINDINGS of the present research work, final CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION are given in chapter fifth. It also incorporates the LIMITATIONS of the present study and SUGGESTIONS for further substantial research.

The obtained results have been also discussed in this chapter, in the light of the various previous investigations conducted in this field and related areas.

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