The psychological testing movement stands as an unique aspect of social science in action. It touches vital questions in all stages of life. In advanced foreign countries, number of mental ability tests are developed so far and still attempts are going on to develop tests with different factors and content. In India, too, the movement of testing has taken momentum after independence. Mental tests developed by various educational and psychological specialists in conjunction with psychometric experts have been found to be quite useful in the task of measurement.

With the advent of 'Plus Two Pattern' i.e. the pattern of higher secondary schools in the administrative structure of education, acute need has been felt by all concerned with this stage to measure abilities of the students and pave the way for guiding them in right direction.

The present test is an endeavour in that direction. The investigator hence took up a problem of construction and standardization of general ability tests for the students of higher secondary schools of Gujarat State. The task being laborious, time-consuming and expensive, the investigator ventured to propose a research scheme to University Grants Commission, New Delhi for direct award of research fellowship, and that was readily awarded. She, now, feels that but for that timely help from U.G.C., such
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It is hoped that the work will be of use to all, the educational institutions, students and research workers, concerned with educational and guidance programme of the higher secondary schools of Gujarat State.

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