ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I am deeply indebted to my Supervisor,
Chari I.J. Patel, former Vice-Chancellor, Sardar Patel
University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, but for whose guidance
and inspiration it would not have been possible for me
to complete this work. Throughout the period of this
research, he gave me his time and attention unceasingly.
It was, indeed, a privilege to have worked under him.

My thanks are also due to my colleagues
Dr. P.S. Chansra and Dr. S.R. Kakkar for their helpful
comments on parts of the thesis. Likewise I have
every reason to be grateful to all those officers of
the Punjab Education Department, Principals and Teachers
of educational institutions, students and their parents
who extended to me their fullest cooperation in collecting
the necessary data for the present study.

\[\text{Signature}\]
D.\#V.