HYPOTHESES

Based on the review of literature, the following hypotheses were proposed:

1. There were expected to be differences among the different types of internet users’ viz. Cyber-Sexual, Cyber-Relational and Information Overload on Internet Addiction.

2. Male adolescents were expected to score higher on Internet Addiction in comparison to female adolescents.

3. Children of Working Mothers were expected to score higher on Internet Addiction than Children of Non-working Mothers.

4. Internet addiction was expected to be positively related with Psychoticism and Neuroticism.

5. Internet addiction was expected to be negatively related with Extraversion and Social Desirability (Lie Scale).

6. Internet Addiction was expected to be positively related with State and Trait Anxiety.

7. Internet Addiction was expected to be positively related with Sensation Seeking and its dimensions viz. Thrill and Adventure Seeking, Experience Seeking, Disinhibition and Boredom Susceptibility.

8. Internet Addiction was expected to be positively related with Locus of Control.

9. Internet addiction was expected to be negatively related to WHO Mental Health and its dimensions viz., Being Comfortable With Self, Being Comfortable With Others, Perceived Ability to Meet Life’s Demands and Total Mental Health.

10. Internet addiction was expected to be positively related with Stress Symptoms, Daily Hassles and negatively related with Daily Uplifts.
11. Internet addiction was expected to be positively related to emotion focused and avoidant focused coping styles and, negatively related with problem focused coping style.

12. Internet Addiction was expected to be positively related with Shyness and Loneliness.

13. Internet Addiction was expected to be positively related with Perceived Maternal Overprotection and Perceived Paternal Overprotection; and negatively related with Perceived Maternal Care and Perceived Paternal Care.

14. Internet Addiction was expected to be negatively related to Satisfaction with Life and Perceived Social Support.

15. There were expected to be differences among the types of internet users viz., Cyber-sexual, Cyber-relational and Information Overload; between genders and; the children of working and non-working mothers, on the different correlates of Internet Addiction viz., Eysenckian dimensions of personality viz., Psychoticism, Neuroticism, Extraversion and Social Desirability (Lie Scale), State – Trait Anxiety, Locus of Control, Sensation Seeking (Thrill and Adventure Seeking, Experience Seeking, Disinhibition, Experience Seeking and Total Sensation Seeking), Shyness, Loneliness, WHO Mental Health and its dimensions (Being Comfortable With Self, Being Comfortable With Others, Perceived Ability to Meet Life’s Demands and Total Mental Health), Stress Symptoms, Daily Hassles and Uplifts, Coping (Task Focused Coping, Emotion Focused Coping and Avoidance Focused Coping), Parental Bonding (Perceived Maternal Care, Perceived Maternal Overprotection, Perceived Paternal Care and Perceived Paternal Overprotection), Satisfaction With Life and Perceived Social Support.