Hypotheses
Considering the unequivocal trends in literature, the following hypotheses were proposed:

**A  Personality and Obesity**

1. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Eysenckian dimension of Personality viz., Extraversion, Psychoticism, Neuroticism and Lie (Social-desirability) scale.

2. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups, i.e., high, medium and low on State-Trait Anxiety.

3. There are expected to be significant differences on the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Internality and Externality dimensions of Health Locus of Control.

4. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Self Esteem.

**B  Perception of Stress, Strain and Obesity**

1. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Presumptive Stressful Life Events.

2. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Daily Hassles and Uplifts.

3. There are expected to be significant differences on the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Stress Symptoms.
C  **Perception of Family Environment and Mother’s Child Rearing Practices and Obesity**

1. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Relationship, System Maintenance and Personal Growth dimensions of Family Environment.

2. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups, i.e., high, medium and low on Warmth, Aggression, Neglect and Rejection dimensions of PARQ.

D  **Attitude to Body-Image and Obesity**

1. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Total Body Self Relation dimensions, viz., Appearance Evaluation, Appearance Orientation, Fitness Evaluation, Fitness Orientation, Health Evaluation, Health Orientation and Illness Orientation.

2. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Additional Multidimensional Body Self Relation dimensions, viz., Body Area Satisfaction Scale, Sub Weight, Fat Anxiety, Weight Consciousness, Current Diet and Eating Restraint.

E  **Negative Affect (viz., Depression and Irritability) and Obesity**

1. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Depression.

2. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Irritability.
Optimism, Psychological Well-Being and Obesity

1. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Optimism.
2. There are expected to be significant differences among the three weight groups i.e. high, medium and low on Psychological Well-Being.

Hypotheses were also formulated for Gender Differences in Personality

A Gender Differences in Personality

1. There are expected to be significant gender differences on the Eysenckian Personality dimension viz., Extraversion, Psychoticism, Neuroticism and Lie (Social desirability) scale.
2. There are expected to be significant gender differences on the State-Trait Anxiety.
3. There are expected to be significant gender differences on the Internality and Externality dimensions of Health Locus of Control.
4. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Self Esteem

B Gender Differences in Perception of Stress and Strain

1. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Presumptive Stressful Life Events.
2. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Daily Hassles and Uplifts.
3. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Stress Symptoms.
C Gender Differences in Perception of Family Environment and Mother's Child Rearing Practices

1. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Relationship, System Maintenance and Personal Growth dimensions of Family Environment.

2. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Warmth, Aggression, Neglect and Rejection dimensions of Parental Acceptance-Rejection.

D Gender Differences in Attitude to Body-Image

1. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Total Body Self-Relation dimensions, viz., Appearance Evaluation, Appearance Orientation, Fitness Evaluation, Fitness Orientation, Health Evaluation, Health Orientation and Illness Orientation.

2. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Additional Multidimensional Body Self Relation dimension, viz., Body Area Satisfaction Scale, Sub Weight, Fat Anxiety, Weight Consciousness, Current Diet and Eating Restraint.

E Gender Differences in Negative Affect (viz., Depression and Irritability)

1. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Depression.

2. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Irritability.
Gender Differences in Optimism, Psychological Well-Being

1. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Optimism.

2. There are expected to be significant gender differences on Psychological Well Being.

Considering an unequivocal trend of the findings reported in literature and interaction of multiple factors related to Body Mass Index no hypotheses were proposed relating Body Mass Index and psychosocial factors under study.