

**A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE FACTORS THAT
INFLUENCE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE STUDENTS AT
G.C.E.(O/L) EXAMINATION BETWEEN HIGH AND LOW
PERFORMANCE SUBJECTS**

(SPECIAL REFERENCES IN PADDIRUPPU EDUCATIONAL ZONE)

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ABSTRACT

The students are allowed to study in G.C.E (A/L), based on their pass in G.C.E (O/L) examination. The students, who pass in six or more subjects, are qualified to study in G.C.E. (A/L). The percentage of the failures in G.C.E (O/L) in the Paddiruppu Educational Zone is very high level. Failure of the students in the important subjects such as Mathematics, Science & English is the main reason for this situation. However the percentage of pass in subjects such as Tamil, Social studies & Religion is high.

Therefore this research is carried to identify the factors that cause the difference in the performance of students' subject wise. Conceptual framework is developed by using 4 variables. They are student commitment, teaching method, qualified teachers and student attendance. That has been linked to the factors influencing level of achievement of students in Paddiruppu Educational Zone.

Paddiruppu Educational Zone consists of three divisions. They are Kaluwanchikudy, Porathivupattu and Paddipalai. I selected 200 samples who sat the O/L examinations in 2004-2006 in those divisions. Data was collected through pretested questionnaires given to them.

In the influence of the variables are high in the subjects such as Tamil, Social studies and Religion in which students obtain higher results. Further the influence of the variables are low in the in the subjects such as Mathematics, Science and English in which the students obtain lower results. The students' results should be increase in the subjects which have the lower influence of the variables. Therefore through my research, I have provided some recommendations to achieve this.

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