

Source of Satisfaction, “As Observed” and “As Perceived”: A Study on Not-retired and Retired Women of Calcutta

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ABSTRACT This paper chiefly aims to study the level and source of satisfaction among the retired and not-retired women. The study was conducted on the college teachers in Calcutta, belonging to age groups 50-59 years for the not-retired and 60-69 years for the retired women. It was observed that the retired women were more satisfied than the not-retired women. While investigating into the source of satisfaction, the most frequent source mentioned by those satisfied, was “mental attitude/state”. The positive aspects of growing old were also related to mental attitude/stage. Financial condition and physical health do not seem to be important source of satisfaction or dissatisfaction. Physical health problem in future was anticipated by most respondents. Some other minor associations were also found between the two groups. No association was found between satisfaction the traits like per capita expenditure, personal expenditure, ownership of house and medical expense incurred on self.