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Developmental Trends in Self-concept of Urban Adolescents: Gender Differentials

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ABSTRACT This study was conducted to assess the gender differences in the self-concept among urban adolescents (14-17 years). The study was based upon a sample of 200 adolescents (100 boys and 100 girls) drawn equally from four randomly selected schools of Ludhiana city. The results revealed that in total self-concept, gender differences were not significant because in domains like physical and intellectual self-concept males scored higher than females whereas, in domains like social and moral self-concept females were better than males. Age related differences in males were observed to be non-significant in total self-concept. In females, self-concept grew better with increasing age. Gender differences in the younger age-group were significant whereas non-significant gender differences were seen in the older age-group.