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**Executive Functions of the Brain among
University Students and Its relation to Gender.**

Abstract

This study aims to investigate the executive functions of the brain among university students and its relation to sex. The sample consisted of 183 university students (98 male, 85 female). The Behavioral Rating Inventory of Executive Function was used.

The results showed that the university students have a high score in executive functions of the brain, and also showed no significant differences between the two sexes in executive function as measured by the used instrument. The results were discussed according to the previous studies, the development of the executive functions and the interaction between sex and age and the development of executive functions.

Keywords: clinical neuropsychology, executive functions, gender differences, Behavioral Rating Inventory of Executive Function.

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.(Diamond, 2013; Burgess, 2003) 30

(competencies)

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(cold)

.(Grafman & litvan,1999) (Mechanistic)

.(Prencipe, Kesek, Cohen, Lamm, Lewis & Zelazo, 2011) (hot)

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.(Green, 1996, Green, kern, Braff & Mintz, 2000)

.(Damasio, 1995, Stuss etal., 2005)

Frontal Cortex

Prefrontal

(Chan, Chen, Cheung, Chen & Cheung, 2006; Lin, Chan, Zheng, Yang & Wang, 2007)

(Diamond, 2013)

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(Diamond, 2013; Fitzpatrick, Gilbert & Serpell, 2013)

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.(Savla, 2009)

.(Weiss et al., 2003

.(Helpren, 2012

.(Rahman, Bakare & Serinsu, 2011)

(new imaging technologies)

Stevens &

.(Haman, 2012)

Models of Executive Functions

Luria's Theory .1

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-(Luria, 1973)

Supervisory Attentional System Model .2

Contention scheduling :
.Supervisory Attentional

(Norman & Schallice, 1986; Stuss; Alexander; Shallice;
Picton; Binna & Macdonal, 2005

(Stuss and Benson Model .3

(Anterior reticular activating system) .
(Diffuse thalamic projection system)

.(Fronto-thalamic gating system) -

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right)

(cingulate area) (frontal
(Dorsolateral (cingulate and orbitofrontal areas)
(Dorsolateral prefrontal and prefrontal cortex)
(Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex) medial frontal areas)
(Stuss (Left dorsolateral prefrontal cortex)

.etal., 1995)

Duncan's goal-neglect theory .4

(Duncan, 1986; Duncan &

.Owen., 2000)

.Goldman-Rakic's working memory model

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(featural)

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(features)

(Anderson, .2002)

.(Thompson etal., 2000)

(Zelazo, Carlson, & Kesek, 2007) .

(Blair, 2002)

.(Best, Miller & Jones, 2009)

Inhibition

.(McCloskey, etal., 2009)

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.(Welsh, 2002)

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(Anderson, 2002)

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(solidified)

.(Hughes, 2011)

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dysexecutive syndrome

.(Sohlberg & Mateer, 2001)

impulsiveness

social	poor social judgment
difficulty	egocentrism disinhibition
	interpreting the behavior of others
poorly regulated	perseveration
	disorganization attention
ineffective	weak goal formulation
decreased flexibility/	planning
	slowed processing shifting
immature	diminished divergent thinking
	weak self-monitoring problem solving
inefficient responses to feedback/	

reduced initiation
(Burgess & Alderman, 2004) dulled

consequences
concrete thinking
.emotional responses

ADHD
.(Dickstein, etal., 2006)

.(De Luea etal., 2003)

(degenerative)
.(Carmelli, Swan & De Crarli, 2002)

Tower of London
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(Chan, Shum,

Stroop test
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COWAT

.Toulopoulou & Chen, 2008: Burgess, 2003)

Behavioural Rating Inventory of
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Executive Functions

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Behavioural Rating Inventory of Executive Functions- Adult Version
(Roth, Isquith, & Gioia, 2005) 90 18 (BRIEF-A)

(e.g. Welsh, 2002)

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: BRIEF-A

(flexibility)

(inhibit)

(emotional control)

(shift)

(self-monitor)

(working memory)

(initiate) ()

(plan/organize /)

(organization of material)

.(task control)

BRIEF-A

.(0.90)

(0.98 -0.73)

BRIEF-A
(behavioural regulation)

/ (metacognition)

(monitor)

(ADHD)

(Traumatic brain injury)
(Roth, et al., 2005)
(Rabin et al., 2006)

BRIEF-A

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(ecological validity)

.(veridicality)

(verisimilitude)

e.g., Waber, Gerber, Turcios, Wagner &)

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Clinical Scales

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:Shift

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(stuck)

:emotional control -3

(realm)

:self-monitor -4

:initiate -5

:working memory

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:plan/organize

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(puzzles)

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:task monitor -8
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:organization of materials -9
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:(Validity Scales)

:negativity scale .1

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:infrequency scale .2

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:inconsistency scale .3

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(Roth, Isquith, & Gioia, BRIEF-A

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:2005)

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(9) (75)

(shift) (inhibit)

(self-monitor) (emotional control)

(plan/ organize) / (working memory) (initiate)

organization of) (task monitor)

(negativity) : (material

(inconsistency) (infrequency)

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(behavioural regulation index)

(metacognition index)

(global executive composite)

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(1)

	8	Inhabit
	6	Shift ()
	10	Emotional control
	6	Self-monitor
(fluidly)	8	Initiate ()
(mind)	8	Working memory
systematic	10	/ Plan/organization
	6	Task monitor
	8	Organization of materials
	10	Negativity
	5	Infrequency
	10	Inconsistency

Cronbach's)
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12.67 12.07	- 1.44	(3.16) 14.6 (2.79) 15.2		Inhabit
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	t-test) (
17.51 14.20	0.73	(4.59) 19.5 (4.21) 19.0		Emotional control
9.36 14.20	- 1.20	(2.87) 10.0 (2.63) 10.5		Self- monitor
12.69 12.37	- 1.50	(3.14) 14.1 (3.08) 14.8		Initiate ()
11.72 11.19	0.19	(2.82) 13.6 (2.62) 13.5		Working memory
14.64 14.50	- 2.15	(3.63) 17.1 (3.53) 18.2		/ Plan/organization
9.34 8.83	- 2.54	(2.36) 10.1 (3.53) 18.2		Task monitor
13.52 12.79	- 3.05	(3.60) 12.5 (3.48) 14.1		Organization
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.(Huizinga & Smidts, 2011)

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.(Niemeier et al., 2007)

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