

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SEX ATTITUDE SCALE—PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

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There appears to be a concensus of views expressed at various seminars on family planning with regard to the desirability of providing some measure of sex education to the student population of this country. If such education were to be provided a crucial issue would be the attitudes of the teachers. Our present paper is a communication on the preliminary research carried out in this field.

A schedule comprising of 54 attitudes statements was formulated and administered in the form of a LIKERT type attitude scale to a population of 128 English teacher trainees (77 males, 53 females) at the Peradeniya English Teacher Training College. An item analysis was carried out and the t-scores were found to range from 0.1149 to 6.2064. These items were then rank ordered, and 32 items with t-scores above 2.005 were selected (at  $P > 0.05$ ).

On the basis of the data obtained from the normative sample it was evident that male teachers have more liberal attitudes than their female counterparts.

It is proposed to cross validate this attitude scale by administering it to a similar group of teachers.

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