

F-18: Gender difference in science reading in Sri Lanka

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A study was conducted to investigate how science reading varies with gender.

A questionnaire with 10 parameters, was distributed among a random sample of 1,000 participants of 5 age groups 10-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50 and 51-60 years.

The study showed that there was no significant difference in science reading, between males and females in all age groups.

Both males and females in all age groups found the science articles more from newspapers than from magazines.

Males and females showed different interests in various disciplines of science. Females preferred to read articles on medical science and psychology than males.

Medical science was the first choice for both genders.

The least interested field for males was astronomy while it was technology for females.