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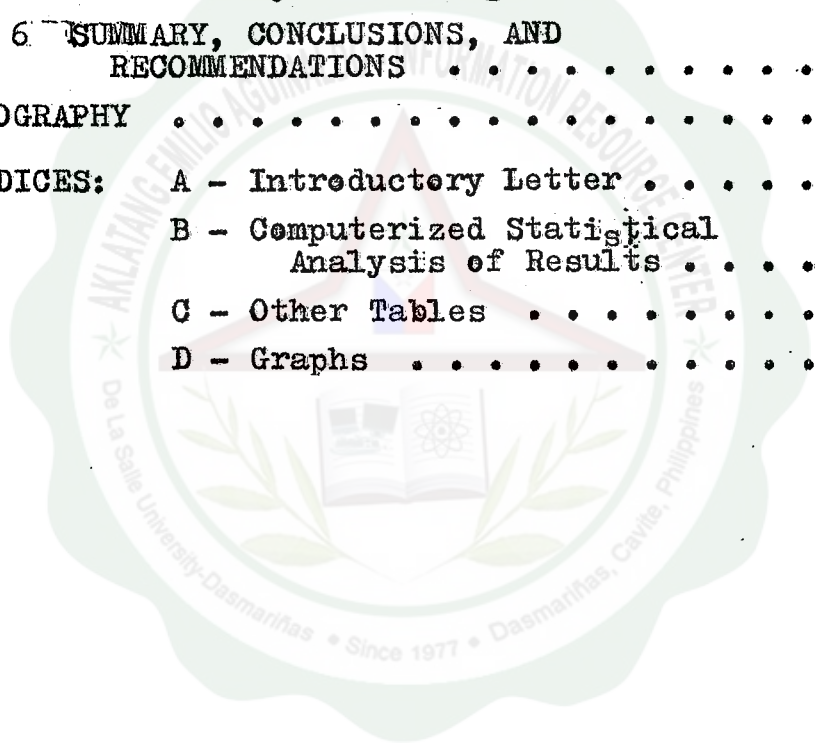
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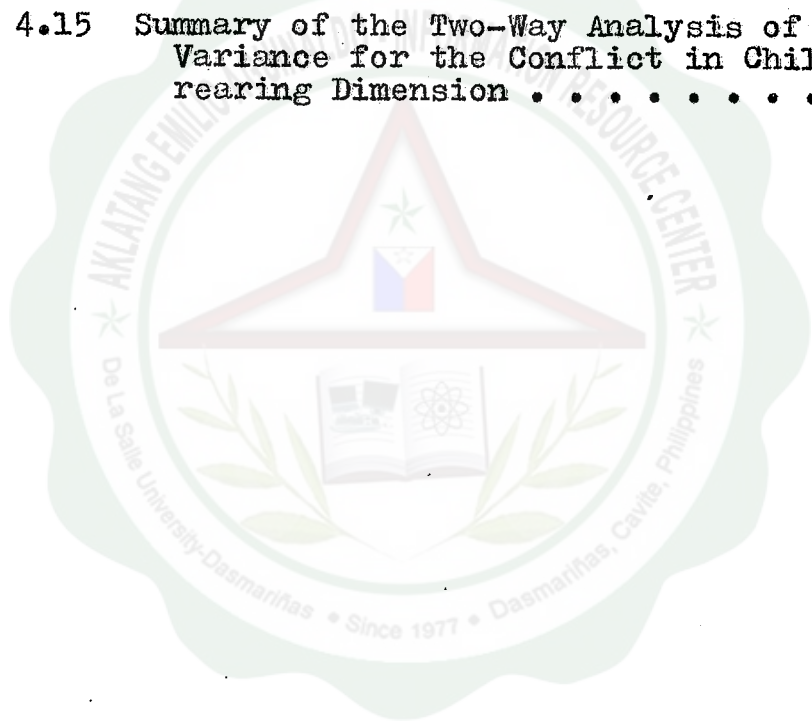
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ABSTRACT

Various studies have been already made on marital satisfaction, as a small aspect of marriage. The researcher has decided to add to the past and current knowledge and studies on marital satisfaction which assesses the overall level of marital satisfaction of the couple to determine if there is a significant difference between the married male and married female subjects in their marital satisfaction considering ten-dimensional factors which measures the marital satisfaction of the husband separate from the wife. This study made use of the 2 X 3 factorial design with the independent variables varied as follows: 1) sex of the married subjects - a. male; b. female; 2) age at marriage category - a. early marriage; b) average marriageable age marriage; c. late marriage. The study also considered ten dimensions which are as follows: a) Global Distress; b) Affective Communication; c) Problem-Solving Communication; d) Time Together; e) Disagreement about Finances; f) Sexual Dissatisfaction; g) Role Orientation; h) Family History of Distress; i) Dissatisfaction with Children; j) Conflict over Childrearing. The subject consisted of one-hundred twenty (120) married subjects from Manila and Quezon City who assessed their own marital satisfaction through the use of the ten-dimensional scale inventory, the Marital Satisfaction Inventory. Analysis of the data through the 2-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) revealed that for the main effects, there was a significant difference between the marital satisfaction of male and female subjects in the Affective Communication and Time Together dimensions. Furthermore, there was a significant difference between the marital satisfaction of the subjects who belong to the three different categories in the Global Distress, Time Together, Disagreement about Finances, and Conflict over Childrearing dimensions. The two-way interaction of sex and age at marriage categories on marital satisfaction was found to be significant only in two dimensions, namely: Affective Communication and Disagreement about Finances. The researcher made use of the 0.05 level of significance.

