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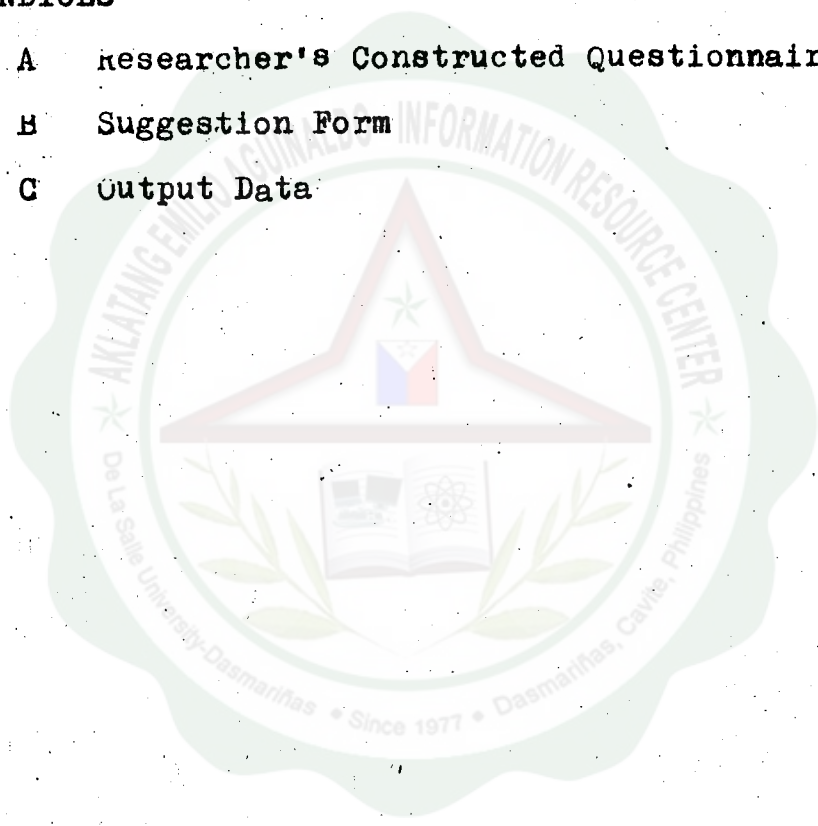
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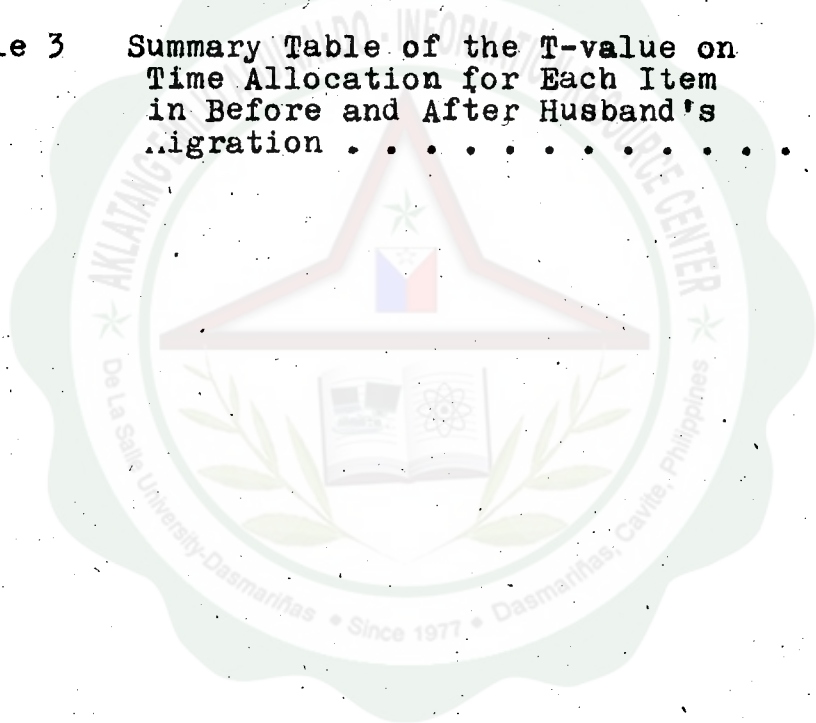
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A descriptive and exploratory study were designed to investigate and to find out what changes occur in the roles of wives of contractual workers in terms of decision-making and time allocation before and after migration of the husband. By way of purposive sampling and snowballing technique, 90 wives of contractual workers were requested to answer the researcher's constructed questionnaire. The items were subjected to T-test. At .01 level of significance, results indicated that there were significant differences between the decision-making roles of the wife as a whole before and after migration of the husband. This would mean that the decision-making roles of the wife as a whole after the migration of the husband play a more significant role of decision-making in the family in the absence of the working father. At .01 level of significance, results indicated that there were significant differences between time allocation of the wife in household activities, outside employment, community activities, and recreations/leisures. After migration of the husband, time allocated by the wife in household activities and outside employment became lower than before the after migration of the husband. Time allocated by the wife in outside employment and recreations/leisures became higher in after migration of the husband. This could probably be accounted for by the decrease in their household tasks which give more time to devote themselves in other activities.

