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AMONG YOUNG ADULT COUPLES:
A PHENOMENOLOGICAL ANALYSIS**

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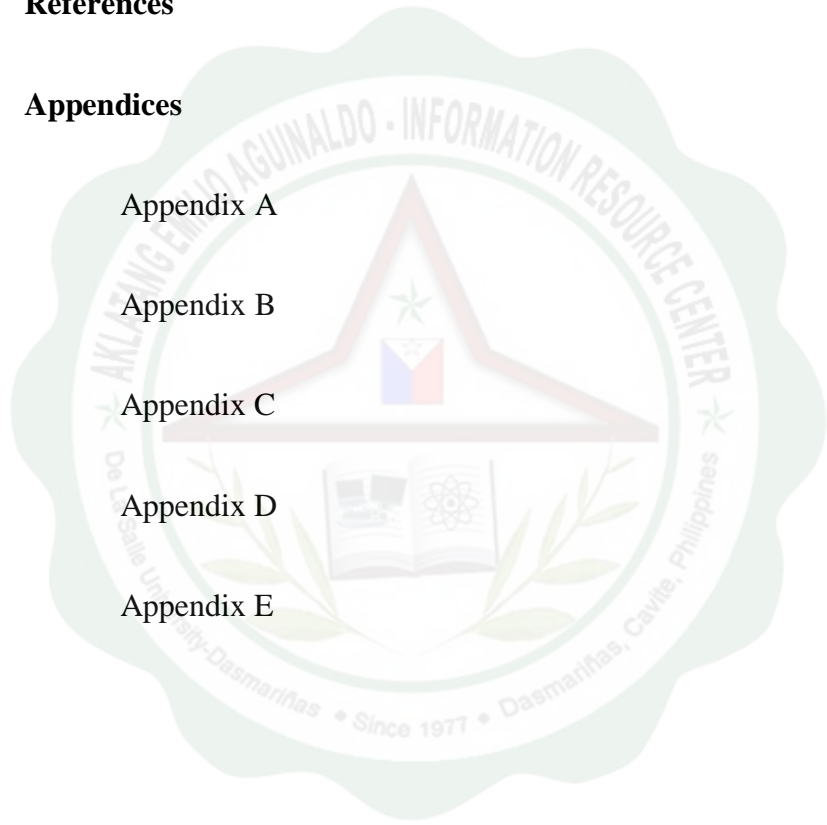


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ABSTRACT

Filipinos are known to be conservative. Sex or pornography is not discussed openly in the Philippines. Topics about sex, when raised, will most likely elicit snickers, jokes, and blushes in most Filipino or expressions of disgust. However, a lot of Filipinos still engage in this kind of activity for some reason. The study aimed to determine young adults' point of view about cyber pornography viewing, their reasons for engagement, and its effects on them and their relationship with their partner. Interpretative phenomenological analysis was used to explore how young adults make sense of cyber pornography viewing. The study focused on Filipino young adults who were in a romantic or married relationship, engaged on cyber pornography viewing, and currently residing in Cavite, Philippines at the time of the study. A total of four young adult couples, four females and four males participated in the study as research participants. Data gathered from a total of four young adult couples resulted in a total of nine superordinate themes focusing on (1) exploring young adult couple's rationales for cyber pornography viewing, (2) experiences of positive effects in engaging to cyber pornography viewing, (3) experiences of negative effects in engaging to cyber pornography viewing, (4) experience of infidelity, (5) experience of necessity, (6) female perception about cyber pornography viewing towards self, (7) male perception about cyber pornography viewing towards self, (8) male



perception about cyber pornography viewing towards romantic partner, and (9) male perception about cyber pornography viewing towards others.

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