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The purpose of the present study is to investigate the effect size of the antecedents and correlates of creativity including cognitive abilities, personality characteristics, motivation, and background experiences.

In the literature of creativity research three directions can be identified: (a) to find the association of creativity with cognitive ability and/or with personality, (b) to determine the organizational factors that nurture or inhibit creativity, and (c) to evaluate the effective of creativity training. (Basadur, Graen, & Green, 1982)

In the evaluation of the effectiveness of creativity training programs, there have been some studies intended to synthetically analyze the overall effectiveness by means of narrative review (Mansfield, Busse, & Krepelka, 1978; Torrance, 1972) or quantitative meta-analysis (Ma, in press; Miga, Burger, Hetland, & Winner, 2000; Rose & Lin, 1984; Scope, 1998; Swanson, & Hoskyn, 1978). However there is still no meta-analysis investigating the correlates of creativity without training. Hinton (1970) found that of the forty variables, thirty-seven measuring personality factors, and three measuring ability factors, twenty had significant correlations with creative problem solving performance. Guilford (1971) argued that divergent thinking abilities should not be expected to correlate very highly with other criteria of creative potential.

Is a creative person likely to be field-independent, self-determination, highly intelligent or highly achieved? It would be helpful in the recruitment of creative personnel if association of creativity with personal traits and/or with cognitive abilities is identified. The purpose of the present study is to investigate the size of the correlation between the creativity and intelligence, personality, cognitive ability, school performance and achievement.

In the literature it can be found that there are two aspects of creativity, one is the ideation without evaluation, and the other the ideation with evaluation. Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking is the most popular instrument to be used in the measurement of the former category, while problem solving belongs to the latter category. Each category has its own measurable indicators. Averill (1999) had distinguished three facets of emotional creativity: preparedness, novelty, and effectiveness/authenticity and explored empirically their correlations with personality traits and cognitive abilities.

Creativity has been defined in terms of three Ps: the creative person, the

creative process, and the creative product by some researchers (Han, 2000).

The creative person is referred to personality, demographical characteristics, cognitive styles, thinking styles, motivation, attitude, and other specific personal characteristics related to creativity. For the personality, the five broad dimensions of personality proposed by Digman (1990)was useful. The so-called Big Five personality dimensions containes emotional stability versus neuroticism, introversion versus extraversion, satisfaction with the familiar versus openness to experience, hostility versus agreeableness, and indifference versus conscientiousness.

Neuroticism implies an unusualness of response but neurotic behavior is ineffective (Averill, 1999). Wolfradt and Pretz (2001) discovered in their literature reviews that there were contradictory findings concerning the relationship between creativity and neurotcism. While Götz and Götz (1979) found that the correlation of neuroticism with creativity was negative in sciences, but positive in arts, other researchers did not find a significant correlation between them (e.g., Eysenck & Furnham, 1993).

"Adjective Check List" is not an instrument to measure the creative ability but the creative personality. Therefore, it was assigned to the category of creative person. Sternberg and Lubart (1995) have proposed six resources nurturing creativity: intelligence, knowledge, thinking style, personality, motivation, and environment. With the exception of environment, the other five resources belong to the category of creative person. Environment was regard by Rhodes (1961) as the 4th P, i.e., press (context). Runco, Nemiro, and Walberg (1998) label this 4th factor as place. Cognitive preferences were not regarded as cognitive styles and excluded from the present study because Palaniappan (1998) had found that they were not correlated with creativity and its components.

The creative process is similar to the process of problem-solving. In the present study, it was described in five steps: (1) defining problem, (2) retrieving problem-related knowledge, (3) generating potential solutions, (4) generating criteria for evaluating appropriate solution, (5) selecting solution and implementing. Defining problem has the same meaning with problem construction stated by Reiter-Palmon, Mumford, Boes, & Runco, 1997). They defined the problem construction as to restate the problem as many different ways as possible before begin to solve the problem; retrieving problem-related information is parallel to information encoding noted by Mumford, Baughman, Supinski, & Maher (1996); generating potential solutions is equivalent to category selection (Mumford, Mumford, Supinski, Threlfall, & Baughman,

1996); generating criteria for evaluating appropriate solution is similar to identifying valuation criteria (Parnes & Treffinger, 1973); while selecting solution and implementing is the last step of problem-solving which may include a process of category combination as remarked by Mumford, Baughman, Maher, Costanza, & Supinski (1997) or reorganization of knowledge according to the complexity of the problem. The cycle of this five steps of problem-solving process may recur if the selected solution does not work.

The function of incubation might be that it provides the individual who has worked hard on a problem an opportunity to reorganize consciously the learned knowledge or let his knowledge self-organize generated.

A result of Diakidoy & Constantinou's (2000-2001) study showed that the number of valid responses that students could give to ill-defined physics problems could significantly predict the response originality on the explanation and prediction problems. This indicates that the domain-specific conceptual knowledge might be a prerequisite, though not necessarily sufficient condition for the domain-specific creative problem-solving.

The creative product concerns itself with generated ideas, solutions, performances, or products. Creative product was measured in terms of fluency, flexibility, elaboration, originality, quality, etc.

These four Ps of creativity were used in the present study as a main framework of classification of variables related to creativity.

Quality of solution in problem solving was included in the variable list because Quality of solution in problem-solving is conceptually and empirically different from originality of solution. Norlander & Gustafson's (1996) experimental study asking the subjects to plan an experiment to investigate the relative importance of heredity and environment showed that acute alcohol intoxication did produce significantly more incubations and significantly higher levels of originality, but no significant difference in scientific value between the Alcohol group and the Placebo or Control group was found in their study. While the originality of a solution is creative, the quality of a solution is both creative and practical. Parnes & Treffinger (1973) also emphasized that the genuine creativity must be adaptive to reality.

Conforming and cooperative characteristics are ordinarily linked with noncreative behavior (Runco & Johnson, 2002)

Although divergent thinking and schizophrenic disorder have similar definitions, it is hard to equate divergent thinking with psychotic thinking, and Guilford himself insisted that creative thinking is essentially rational

(Schuldberg, 2000-2001, p. 7). Schuldberg's (2000-2001) study showed that among the correlation coefficients between the subclinical psychopathological traits and the Richards Maximum of the Peak Vocational and Avocational Creativity, there was one significant positive correlation (r = .17, p < .05), two significant negative correlations (r = -.34, p < .01 and r = -.16, p < .05), and the rest four coefficients were not significant (r = -.02, -.05, .08, and -.10). In the present study, it is postulated that creativity has positive correlation with emotional stability and negative correlation with neuroticism..

The three stages processes of problem solving was proposed by Basadur, et al. (1982). They postulated that ideation and evaluation may oscillate each of three stages of the whole creative problem-solving process.

In the problem solving, the fluency is defined as "the ability to enumerate many ideas related to the problem," flexibility is defined as "the ability to shift readily among several kinds or classes of ideas and solutions" (Parnes & Treffinger, 1973, p.8). Elaboration is needed in order to increase the acceptability and attraction of the solution or the newly designed product.

In addition to the general concepts of creativity including domain-free verbal and figural creativity as well as domain-specific creativity, such as creativity in art, science, etc., two other kinds of creativity were explored, one was eomotional creativity and the other was motor creativity. Trevlas, et al. (2002) investigated the relationship between playfulness and motor creativity. They measured motor creativity on two dimensions: motor fluency and motor flexibility. Motor fluency was calculated by summing different movement responses and motor flexibility was the number of thematic changes, such as effort space, relationship, etc.

Method

Data collection of the study.

The ProQuest Educational Journal, ProQuest Dissertation Consortium, and ERIC databases will be scanned for researches investigating correlates of creativity. The term used was "creativity and intelligence", "creativity and personality," and "creativity and cognitive ability." "Journal of Creativity Behavior," and "Creativity Research Journal," will be systematically, manually searched. Additionally some usable empirical articles were traced from the references of research papers in other related journals. Studies measuring creativity by means of intuitive self-rating or teacher rating on a Likert scale without basing on creativity work or task were excluded from the present meta-analysis because the imprecise measurement based on an

amorphous feeling of the rater would contaminate the results. Also excluded from the present study were those studies reporting only significant correlation coefficients because omitting the non-significant correlation coefficients would inflate mean effect sizes. However, studies using an inventory to measure attitude or personality by means of a Likert scale were tolerated and included in the present study.

Coding procedure

When component scores and total score were both available, total score was ignored, in order to avoid redundancy. If a variable was negatively correlated with the creativity, in order to avoid canceling out the effect sizes of other variables, which had positive correlations with creativity, the sign of its correlation was changed and simultaneously the name of this variable was changed into a positive name. E.g., neuroticism was negatively correlated with emotional creativity. So the name of this variable was changed into emotional stability and the sign of correlation coefficient was also changed into positive sign.

Table 1

Definition of Independent Variables of Creativity

Coding	Definition of independent variables
number	
1	Achievement tests (including California Achievement Test and
	Scholastic Aptitude Test; Graduate Management Admission Test;
	Lorge-Thorndike: Verbal and quantitative; college vocabulary
2	School performances (including Grade Point Average,
	Accomplishment Checklist, Academic Success scores, Core
	knowledge (1) vs. non-core knowledge curriculum (0), story writing,
	oral narrative tasks; classroom performance rating of student teacher;
3	Cognitive ability (including IQ Test; WISC-III Vocabulary; Raven's
	Cognitive Reasoning Test; Metaphoric Comprehension; Lunzer Test;
	Wisconsin Card Sorting Test;
4	Non-alexithymia (ability to identify and describe one's own emotional
	feeling); Empathy (ability to detect and describe feelings of others)
5	visual imagery capacity (measured by Vividness of Visual Imagery
	Test for Teenagers); fantasy; imaginativeness in play;
6	Humor (Word-Play; Joke)
7	Creative personality: Adjective Check List(Creative Personality Scale);
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How Do You Think (measuring creative personality, interests attitude, and self-perception); Barron-Welsh Revised Art Scale(which was developed by contrasting the responses of artists and nonartists of their preference for black-and-white doodles); Personality in terms of a creative attitude; Torrance Leisure Interest checklist; Golann Forced Choice Questionnaire; SEEK dimension of Panksepp's Affective Neuroscience Personality Scales

- 8 High scores of emotional stability and low scores of neuroticism; low anxiety; low social anhedonia (social withdrew);
- High scores of extraversion (socially outgoing and adept) and low scores of introversion; Seeking social support in coping stressful situation (talking to someone to find out more about the situation); Myers-Biggs type indicator of personality (extroverted, intuitive, feeling and perceiving);
- Openness to experience as opposed to Satisfaction with familiar;
 Nonconformity to school discipline; quest religious orientation (having an open attitude toward issues of fundamental concern of existence);
 Non-authoritarianism (not adhering to received custom and authority); non-extrinsic religious orientation (not focusing on external rewards, not accepting the religion as a means to self-serving ends, such as security and social status); Non-intrinsic religious orientation (being not true believers);
- Agreeableness (compassionate, good-natured, and cooperative) as opposed to Hostility (proud, skeptical, and competitive); non-confronting coping (attempts to alter the situation not through hostile of risk-taking activity); coping stressful situation not with confrontation;
- 12 Conscientiousness (well-organized, disciplined, achieve oriented) as opposed to Indifference (easygoing or detaching oneself emotionally from the situation)); Moral Maturity; coping stressful situation not with distancing but getting serious about it; Accepting one's own responsibility for stressful situation;
- General mysticism (emphasizing the transcendental experience, and having a sense that all things are alive); Religious mysticism (emphasizing the holiness or sacredness of an experience)
- Cognitive styles: high scores of field-independent and low scores of field dependent);

- Willingness to take risks; Category width;
- Self-efficacy: having a faith in one's own abilities); Self-esteem; autonomy; Self determination; Self-directing religious coping style (stressing one's own power to deal with problems without God' help; Internal locus of control (believing that life events are largely under internal or personal control instead of external control such as powerful others or chance); Non-collaborative religious coping style (not viewing both God and the self as active contributors, working together to solve problems but self-directed); Non-deferring religious coping style (not placing responsibility for problem solving on God); Self-controlling (emphasizing control over one's own behavior and the situation, whether through individual or collective action); Making planful problem-solving in coping stressful situation (deliberate and analytic approaches to solving the problem); Not choosing escape-avoidance in coping stressful situation; Self-concept;
- 17 Prior traumatic experience:
- Class climate favorable for creativity (Competitiveness between peers in achievement; competition > no competition; low friction among students; low cohesiveness between students, Satisfaction with class climate; low difficulty of class work); Teacher encourages creativity, including self-initiated learning, self-evaluation, manipulate materials, open discussion; instruction condition (algorithmic (providing a rote step-by-step algorithm for building a sample structure) > heuristic (demonstrating the same techniques in a more flexible form)); nominal group by brainstorming(exchange of written ideas or using computers)> interactive group brainstorming; anonymous > identified in electronic brainstorming;
- Alcohol-free; quiet working circumstance; Work setting with complexity of visual detail, natural view and natural material, less use of manufactured or composite surface materials, and with fewer cool colors used; No limits or informational limits during creative activities was better than controlling limits; Free-play with salt dough before taking creativity test;
 - Systematic-relaxation exercises versus unsystematic resting or music hearing; playfulness including physical spontaneity, social spontaneity, cognitive spontaneity, manifest joy, and sense of humor;

20	Instructing the subjects to be flexible or original on testing; test instruction included nonverbal illustrations of model responses
21	Inclination for divergent thinking (including preferences for high ideation/low evaluation, high intuition/low reasoning, and high innovation/low adaptation, explorer>assimilator cognitive style; high
	ambiguity tolerance);
22	Inclination for convergent thinking (including preferences for
	evaluation, reasoning, and adaptation, intolerance for ambiguity)
23	High scores of Intrinsic motivation and low scores of extrinsic
	motivation (bonus; Ss were told that their tasks would be evaluated);
	constructive feedback (provide the information about the strength of
	students' collage); intrinsic religious motivation
24	Prestige of Honors/Awards (including National Academy Membership,
	Professional Visibility
25	Age (grade level)
26	Gender (male=0; female=1)
27	Leadership; Transformation leadership (leader promotes
	innovation, motivation, and expression of different
	viewpoints of group members)
28	Psychological Androgyny (having high scores on both femininity
	and masculinity)
29	Birth order; number of siblings
30	Non-delinquent

Table 2

Definition of Dependent Variables

Classification Definition of dependent variables

Ideation without evaluation Composite score of creativity: Total score of two or more components of creativity; creativity test score without mentioning specific component, such as stories or poems writing; collages; divergent thinking performance (generating phrases of words starting with given letters, titles for a short story, consequences of not having things, unusual uses for common items, groupings of items on a list, and completions of stem analogies); Wallach & Kogan Creativity Test (verbal); Test for Creative Thingking-Drawning Production; Purdure Creativity Test; numeric creativity

Nonverbal creativity: figural production; symbolic production; collages; Polygon figure-preference test; Wallach & Kogan Creativity Test (nonverbal); Portfolio of photographs rated by professionals;

Fluency: ability to produce a large number of ideas.

Flexibility: ability to produce a wide variety of ideas.

Elaboration: ability to develop or embellish ideas and to produce many details.

Originality: ability to produce unusual ideas; unusalness; uniqueness;

Nonverbal Fluency: ability to produce a large number of ideas; motor fluency

Nonverbal Flexibility: ability to produce a wide variety of ideas; motor flexibility

Nonverbal Elaboration: ability to develop or embellish ideas and to produce many details

Nonverbal Originality: ability to produce unusual ideas; unusualness; uniqueness

Abstractness of titles

Resistance to premature closure; overcoming fixation;

Ideation with evaluation (Problem solving) Composite score of problem solution; convergent thinking performance (to perform task with analysis, linear reasoning, and evaluation of ideas); creativity of the product; Wallach & Kogan Creativity Test (problem solving); Remote Association Test; Creativity of publications; Social problem-solving(social creativity);

Performance-based Assessments (story-telling, Collage-making, math problem); Scientific creativity; Statement of Past Creative Activities; Creative Activities List; Vaughan Test of Musical Creativity Composite; painting products

Fluency of solution (Number of non-redundant solutions)

Flexibility of solution (number of categorical shifts made in solutions)

Elaboration of solution (details included in each solution; attractiveness of the product; Interest of the product)

Originality of solution (The novelty of solution); evaluation of originality

Quality of solution (appropriateness of a solution to solve a problem), It includes Effectiveness of solution (Did the solution succeed in solving the problem?); evaluation of appropriateness; technical quality of product; composition, technical quality of product; likeability Emotional creativity (total score as measured by

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(Emotional Creativity Inventory, developed by Averill, 1999) Emotional creativity (total score as measured by Emotional Creativity Inventory)

Preparedness: understanding and learning from one's own and other's emotions.

Novelty: ability to experience unusual emotions

Effectiveness and authenticity: the skill to express emotions adroitly and honestly and it leads to potential benefit to the individual or group.

For the measurement of the effect size of age on creativity, the correlation between the age and creativity scores was preferred. However, if

the correlation was not available and instead, means, sample sizes, and standard deviations were presented, then the data of the lowest grade level or age were used as the data of control group and the other to be compared group as experimental group. For example, in Cheung, et al.'s (2004) study, grad 1 was used as the control group for grade 2 and 3, whereas grade 4 was used as control group for grade 5 to 9, because grade 1 to 3 were individually tested and grade 4 to 9 were tested in group.

In the study conducted by Charles and Runco (2000-2001), there was a correlation coefficient of 1.00. It was changed to .99 in the present study to let it convertible into an effect size.

If a composite score of creativity was derived from its elements, then the correlations between the composite and the elements were not included the calculation of effect size.

The most difficult work in the meta-analysis is the categorization of variables. During the process of encoding, combination and reorganization had to be carried out because of occurrence of new variables

Calculation of effect size

Effect sizes were calculated from r and the means and standard deviations of performance outcome of comparative group design. Following Formulas were used in the calculation.

(1) es =
$$\sqrt{\frac{4(N-1)}{N}} * \sqrt{\frac{r^2}{1-r^2}}$$

(Hedge & Olkin, 1985, P.77). Where N is the sample size, and r is the correlation coefficient when both variables are continuous.

(2) es=
$$\frac{M_e - M_c}{\sqrt{\frac{(n_e - 1)SD_e^2 + (n_c - 1)SD_c^2}{n_e + n_c - 2}}}$$

Where SD_e is the standard deviation of experience group; n_e and n_c are the sample size of experimental and control group respectively. Formula (2) was used for the result in which both the standard deviation of the experimental and control groups were available.

$$(1) \quad es = \frac{Me - Mc}{SDc}$$

Where es = effect size of a single experimental; M_e and M_c is the mean of the experimental and control group respectively. SD_C is the standard deviation of the control group. Formula (1) was used for the result in which only the standard deviation of the control group was available.

(2)
$$es = \frac{M_e - M_c}{\sqrt{\frac{(n_e - 1)SD_e^2 + (n_c - 1)SD_c^2}{n_e + n_c - 2}}}$$

Where SD_e is the standard deviation of experience group; ne and nc are the sample size of experimental and control group respectively. Formula (2) was used for the result in which both the standard deviation of the experimental and control groups were available.

Effect sizes were calculated from the means and standard deviations of performance outcome of experimental and control groups, or by converting value of other statistical tests, such as r, t, F, χ^2 or Z^2 . Following Formulas were used in the calculation.

(3) es =
$$\sqrt{\frac{4(N-1)}{N}} * \sqrt{\frac{r^2}{1-r^2}}$$

(Hedge & Olkin, 1985, P.77). Where N is the sample size, and r is the correlation coefficient when both variables are continuous.

(4) es=
$$\frac{t(n_e + n_c)}{\sqrt{n_e n_c (n_e + n_c - 2)}}$$

Where t is the value of t-test.

(5) es=
$$\frac{2\sqrt{F}}{df}$$

Where \sqrt{F} is the square root of F value and df is the degree of freedom of the numerator of F ratio. Only the F ratios with one degree of freedom in the denominator were included in the present analysis.

Formulas (4)-(5) are cited from Cooper & Hedges(1994, P.232-239).

(6)
$$es = \frac{Me_2 - Mc_2}{SDc_2} - \frac{Me_1 - Mc_1}{SDc_1}$$

Where Me₂ and Mc₂ are the mean of posttest the experimental and control

group respectively. Me₁ and Mc₁ are the mean of pretest of the experimental and control group respectively. SDc₂ and SDc₁ are standard deviation of posttest and pretest of control group respectively. Formula (9) was used for result of experimental design with pre- and posttest (Wortman & Bryant, 1985). This formula was also employed by Gersten & Baker (2001). Goff (1992) used analysis of covariance to statistically control the pre-test difference in comparing the difference of post-test means between the experimental and control groups. This supports the legitimacy of taking into account the difference of pre-test scores between the experimental and control group in the calculation of effect size of post-test sores for the experimental design with pre- and post-test.

Formula (1) - (6) have taken sample size into consideration, because the significance of effect size could be influenced by sample size (Fan, 2001). According to Fan's simulation. An effect size of .8 might have 99.95% chance of significance under N=240, but might have only 37.25% of statistically significant tests under N=20.

Table 1 shows that value of different statistical tests, such as $r \cdot Z^2 \cdot F \cdot \chi^2$ and t were converted to effect sizes. There were seven studies with 71 measures. To determine whether the 71 effect sizes were significantly different from zero, t-test was employed. It was found that the average effect size (ES=0.69) was significant, $t_{(70)}$ =12.45 , P<.0001. The t value was calculated with formula (10).

$$(10) t = \frac{ES - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{SD}{k}}}$$

Where ES and SD are the average mean and standard deviation of the effect sizes respectively, and k is the number of effect sizes (here, k=71).

In order to exclude the possible dependency of measures, effect sizes of a single student were averaged.

Results

Fantasy is central to creativity, it is inferred that people with psychopathically fantasy would be more creative (Domino, et al., 2002).

Because the high-creative and low-creative groups in Domino, et al.'s (2002) study were formed by means of the highest and lowest 25% of composite T

scores of Adjective Check List, Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking,
Barron-Welsh Revised Art scale, The Similes Test, and Haiku poetry, and the
ego defense styles, the dependent variables, were measured with depth
interview. Their methodology was different from other studies since the based
their grouping on creativity measurement as well as creative personality, and
the reliability of depth interview measuring ego defense styles was low,
therefore their study was also picked for special analysis. The definitions of 15
ego defense styles were referred to Domino, et al. (2002).

The data singled out for special description were too infrequent for statistical purposes and thus were dropped from further consideration.

The 95% confidence intervals are presented along with effect size.

According to Cohen's criteria, approximately an effect size of 0.2 is small, 0.5 is medium, and 0.8 is large (Cohen's, 1977, p. 44), and a correlation of .10 has a small, .30 a medium, and .50 a large effect size (Cohen, 1988).

Because the significance of the correlation coefficients depends on the sample size, it is hard to average a correlation coefficient of .8 with n=3 and a correlation coefficient of .2 with n=80. Therefore r will be converted to effect size in the present study.

Table 3

Effect sizes of the Three Categories of Dependent Variables

Category	k	Mean rank	Mean	SD
Divergent	737	549.42	.36	.54
creativity				
Problem-so	235	563.13	.34	.52
lving				
creativity				
Emotional	128	533.53	.32	.41
creativity				
Total	1100		.35	.52

Using Kruskal-Wallis test, the difference between the mean ranks of the three categories of dependent variables was not significant, χ^2 (2, N = 1100) = .75, p > .05.

Table 4

Effect sizes of the Subcategories of Dependent Variables

Variable		k	Mean rank	Mean	SD
Problem solving elaboration	16	7	779.43	0.58	0.25
Divergent composite	2	37	601.50	0.55	0.69
nonverbal					
Divergent fluency	3	149	615.28	0.44	0.49
Divergent elaboration	5	69	563.76	0.41	0.64
Problem solving fluency	14	25	604.02	0.41	0.47
Emotional creativity	20	40	607.42	0.41	0.34
preparedness					
Divergent elaboration	9	143	567.36	0.40	0.52
nonverbal					
Problem solving quality	18	20	652.55	0.40	0.47
Emotional creativity	22	40	565.28	0.37	0.37
effectiveness					
Problem solving composit	13	121	547.03	0.34	0.59
e					
Divergent composite	1	196	557.81	0.33	0.41
Problem solving flexibility	15	13	563.12	0.31	0.47
Divergent flexibility	4	32	479.91	0.30	0.57
Divergent originality	6	14	399.74	0.30	1.02
Divergent fluency	7	14	442.96	0.26	0.63
nonverbal					
Problem solving originality	17	49	514.64	0.25	0.41
Emotional creativity	21	40	451.85	0.22	0.51
novelty					
Divergent originality	10	30	450.65	0.19	0.37
nonverbal					
Divergent abstractness of	11	9	383.44	0.17	0.11
title					
Emotional creativity total	19	8	413.69	0.17	0.27
Divergent flexibility	8	12	467.13	0.15	0.56

nonverbal					
Divergent resistance to	12	15	340.07	0.06	0.36
premature closure					
		1100		0.35	.52

Using Kruskal-Wallis test, the difference between the mean ranks of the 22 subcategories of dependent variables was significant, χ^2 (2, N = 1100) = 43.71, p < .01.

Table 4

Effect sizes of Independent Variables

		k	Mean rank	Mean	SD
Prestige of honors/awards	24	3	1068.33	1.39	0.18
Creative working setting	19	28	731.36	.97	1.31
Class climate	18	32	751.36	0.80	0.83
Leadership	27	10	749.10	0.72	0.71
Openness	10	24	697.81	0.71	0.70
Creative personality	7	34	760.00	0.69	0.63
Testing instruction	20	2	866.75	.68	.27
Mysticism	13	6	832.33	0.67	0.31
Non-alexithymia	4	10	731.15	0.65	0.83
Humor	6	2	666.75	0.48	0.45
Nondelinquent	30	8	719.19	0.48	0.18
Prior trauma	17	24	643.69	0.45	0.39
Inclination for divergent	21	8			
thinking		O	658.06	0.43	0.25
Cognitive styles	14	4	643.00	0.42	0.28
Androgyny	28	10	606.20	0.40	0.36
Achievement	1	56	570.01	0.36	0.35
School performance	2	154	566.65	0.34	0.43
Extraversion	9	24	545.25	0.32	0.29
Age	25	153	574.82	0.32	0.45
Cognitive ability	3	168	552.25	0.31	0.38
Intrinsic motivation	23	33	522.18	0.30	0.50
Birth order	29	54	475.27	0.30	0.48
Visual imagery capacity	5	9	510.67	0.29	0.29
Conscientiousness	12	19	455.61	0.23	0.33
Self-efficacy	16	46	467.88	0.23	0.33
Inclination for convergent	22	7	434.64	0.20	0.22

thinking					
Agreeableness	11	13	377.88	0.15	0.21
Gender	26	104	426.86	0.14	0.43
Taking risk	15	6	513.92	0.13	0.64
Emotional stability	8	49	369.54	0.08	0.36
Total		1100		.35	.52

Levene test showed that the variances were not homogeneous, F(29 1070) = 6.05, p < .001, hence non-parametric statistics are suitable for further analyses. Using Kruskal-Wallis test, the difference between the mean ranks of the three categories of independent variables was significant, χ^2 (29, N = 1100) = 116.85, p < .001.

Some conclusions can be drawn from the results:

- 1. there were no significant differences between the mean ranks of the three categories of dependent variables, i.e., divergent creativity, problem solving creativity, and emotional creativity. The average mean of 1100 effect sizes were 0.35 (a small effect size), with a standard deviation of .52.
- 2. Among the dependent variables, elaboration of solution of problem-solving and total scores of divergent creativity had effect sizes over .5. They belong to the medium effect size.
- 3. So far as the independent variables are concerned, prestige of honors or academic awards had the highest rank of effect size (mean effect size was 1.39). The other two variables which had large effect sizes were creative working setting and creative class climate, with a mean effect size of .97 and .80 respectively.

The above conclusions result only in a trial because of the limited number of studies collected. Further relevant studies will be searched in the future.

By the conversion of different statistics to effect size, the present author used the data presented by McCormack (1975) to compare the effect sizes converted from F-value and Mean-value and found that effect sizes converted from F-value were about 1-3% larger than that from mean-value.

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