

PREFACE

The research work reported in the pages of this doctoral thesis - 'A study on creativity: evolving a test to identify children with creative ability at the school leaving age' - was carried out and completed by the author between 1968 and 1971 under the U.C.C. sponsored research scholarship programme at the Centre of Advanced Study in Education, M.S.University of Baroda, Baroda. The author has great pleasure in submitting the thesis in fulfilment of the requirement for the Ph.D., of M.S.University, Baroda.

The addendum to bibliography gives the list of papers and research reports which have come out in the last three years. It has been presented with the intention of giving some additional information to the interested research worker.

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The author who is at present serving in St. Ann's Training College, Mangalore, wishes to record his admiration for healthy institutional climate which kept his spirit alive in the last two years.

In his pursuits, the researcher has new solutions in the untrodden terrain. The author hopes that the research world will accept the work and help progress in the field of creativity.

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