
EFFECT OF MALTREATMENT ON SELECTED ASPECTS OF INTELLIGENCE AMONG SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

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ABSTRACT

Background: Child maltreatment demonstrates effects of all intellectual profile specialty linguistic, social, and emotional intelligence that causes a lower level of school achievement. **Aim:** This study was aimed to determine the effect of maltreatment on selected aspects of intelligence among school age children. **Design:** A descriptive correlation research design was utilized to conduct the current study. **Setting:** Primary schools of Port Said City at six districts. **Subjects:** Stratified cluster random sampling of 12 primary schools of Port Said City at six districts. 422 students aging nine to twelve years old. **Data collection tools: Tool I:** structured Interview for socio-demographic data **Tool II:** A buse and neglect scale and sexual abuse scale. **Tool III:** linguistic intelligence scale, social intelligence scale, and emotional intelligence scale. **Results:** Most common maltreatment among the studied students was neglect, 27 %, and physical abuse, 24.2%, followed by emotional abuse,18.5%, and only, 0.2%, were exposed to sexual abuse. The majority of studied students had linguistic and emotional intelligence. **Conclusion:** There was a negative correlation between child abuse and the selected aspects of intelligence (linguistic, social, and emotional) **Recommendations:** Conduct a training program for the parents about the seriousness of the abuse and its effects on the level of intelligence.

Key Words: Intelligence, Maltreatment, School-Age Children

INTRODUCTION

Child maltreatment is considered a major public health problem, associated with serious short-term and long-term negative consequences, such as physical, behavioral, and psychological problems (vanderPut, Assink, Gubbels,& van Solinge, 2018). Child maltreatment includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect including physical neglect, emotional neglect, and educational neglect, and witnessing family violence which has recently been added to the catalog of maltreatment types, and suggested to carry possibly serious developmental consequences (Witt, Brown, Plener, Brähler, &Fegert, 2017).

Intelligence is the intellectual capacity of humans, which is characterized by perception, consciousness, self-awareness, and volition. Intelligence enables humans to remember descriptions of things and use those descriptions in future behaviors. It is a cognitive process. It gives humans the cognitive abilities to learn, form concepts, understand, and reason, including the capacities to recognize patterns, comprehend ideas, problem solve and use language to communicate. Intelligence enables humans to experience and think (Singh, 2017).

Child maltreatment is significantly negatively impacted intellectual ability, which in turn can have a pervasive effect on academic, social, and emotional development. Indeed, intelligence is a powerful predictor of academic performance. which in turn has been found to predict dropout rates, educational attainment, socioeconomic status, and engaging in criminal behavior (Davis, Moss, Nogin, & Webb, 2015).

Significance of the study:

More than 1 billion children are being exposed to maltreatment; 23% have been exposed to physical abuse, 36% have been exposed to emotional abuse, 16% have been exposed to physical neglect, and 26% have been exposed to sexual abuse (18% of which are girls, and 8% of which are boys) (World Health Organization,2017). Research in nursing did not give enough consideration to the effect of maltreatment on selected aspects of intelligence among school-age children. The result that will be generated from this study will be useful for nurses and health care professionals for detection of maltreatment problems that might face the children.

AIM OF THE STUDY:

Determine the effect of maltreatment on selected aspects of intelligence among school-age children

Research questions:

- 1) What is the effect of maltreatment on Linguistic Intelligence?
- 2) What is the effect of maltreatment on social Intelligence?
- 3) What is the effect of maltreatment on emotional Intelligence?

SUBJECTS AND METHOD :

Subjects and methods for this study would be portrayed under four main designs as follow:

I: Technical Design.

II: Operational Design

III: Administrative Design.

IV: Statistical Design.

I: Technical Design:

The technical design will include the research design, study setting, subjects, and tools of data collection.

Research Design:

A descriptive correlational research design was utilized to conduct the current study.

Study Setting:

The present study was carried out at 12 primary schools in Port Said City. Representing the six districts of Port-Said city, namely El-Manakh, El-Arab, El-Dawahy, El-Shark, El-Zohor, and El-Ganon. From each respective area, 2 primary schools were chosen randomly. As the following:- El-Zohor, Bank Portsaid Elwatany, Aly En AbyTalb, El-Manakh, Mustafa Kamel, El-Tanes, El-Arab, Ashtom El-gameel, Kasem Amine, El-Dawahy, El-Yaremok, Bader, El-Shark, Om El-Moemenen, Alfath, and El-Ganob, El-cape, and Bilal ibn Rabah school.

Study Subjects:

The subject of this study consisted of 221 (52.4%) boys and 201(47.6%) girls enrolled in the previous schools and ranged between 9-12 years.

Sample size calculations:

$$\text{Sample size} = \frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2 p(1-p)}{d^2} \text{ (Charan and Biswas, 2013)}$$

Where:

Z_{α} = a percentile of standard normal distribution by confidence level=1, 96

P=Expected proportion in population based on previous studies

(Prevalence of Physical and emotional abuse among school-age children =48.2% according to (Saad, Hashish, Abdel-Karim, & Mohammed, 2016).

D: absolute error or precision (5%)

$$N = \frac{1,96 \times 0,482(1-0,482)}{(0,05)^2} = 384$$

Assuming a 10% attrition rate:

$$10\% \text{ of } 384 = 38.4$$

$$384 + 38.4 = 422.4 = 422$$

Sampling technique

The study was conducted in the 12 school in Port Said city. This was selected by stratified cluster random sampling. Port Said schools were classified into six strata, according to districts; two schools were randomly selected from each to the six strata, for a total sample of twelfth schools. Within the selected schools, classes constituted the clusters. Two clusters were randomly selected from each selected school to fulfill the required sample size. After correction for a dropout rate of about 10%, the required sample size was 422 school children. This was equally divided among the twelfth schools.

Tools of Data Collection:

Six tools were used to collect data as follows.

Tool I: Children characteristic

A structured Interview was developed by the researcher to collect socio-demographic data, which includes 9 questions that measured the Child's age, gender, mother's education and occupation, father's education and occupation...etc.

Tool II: Child Abuse and Neglect Scale.

It was developed by Abatha, (2005), can exposed child abuse by (father, mother) and composed of three parts as follows.

Part 1:- Physical Abuse Scale

It consists of (22) questions, which to measure the frequency of physical abuse, as punching, beating, kicking, biting, burning. Scoring as follow: not present... (0), rare... (1), often... (2) and common... (3), The total score was obtained by summation of the scores of each statement, so it ranged between zero to 66, a child was more exposed to physical abuse if the total percent score was 60% or more and child was less exposed to physical abuse if the score less than 60%.

Part 2:- Emotional Abuse Scale

It consists of (22) questions, which to measure the frequency of emotional abuse, as ridicule, degradation, and routine labeling or humiliation scoring as follow: not present... (0), rare... (1), often... (2) and common... (3), The total score was obtained by summation of the scores of each statement, so it ranged between zero to 66, a child was more exposed to emotional abuse if the total percent score was 60% or more and child was less exposed to emotional abuse if the score less than 60%.

Part 3:- Neglect Scale

It consists of (22) questions, which to measure the frequency of neglect, like the absence of sufficient attention and responsiveness, scoring as follow: not present... (0), rare... (1), often... (2) and common... (3), the total score was obtained by summation of the neglect of the total percent score was 60% or more and child was less exposed to neglect if the score less than 60%.

Part 4: Sexual Abuse Scale

It was developed by Mansour, (2008). It was consists of (12) questions, which to measure sexual abuse. As touching or fondling a child, forcible kissing, sexual advances towards a child during travel, Scoring as follow: rare... (1), often... (2) and common... (3). The total score was obtained by summation of the scores of each statement, so it ranged between zero to 36, a child was more exposed to sexual abuse if the percent score was 60% or more and the child was less exposed to sexual abuse if less than 60%. can exposed child abuse by (father, mother, sibling).

Tool III: Aspects of intelligence**Part 1: Linguistic Intelligence Scale.**

It was developed by Ghanem, (2011). It consists of (13) questions. It is used to measure language ability and fluency in expression in different ways, scoring as follows: not very agree..... (0), not little agree... (1) Little agrees..... (2) Very agree..... (3). The total score is

obtained by summation of the scores of each statement, so it ranged between zero to 39, the child was a higher level of linguistic intelligence if the percent score was 60% or more and the child with the lower level of linguistic intelligence if less than 60%.

Part 2: Social Intelligence Scale:

It was developed by Al-Qatros, (2008). It consists of (16) questions. It is used to measure emotional sensitivity, socio-emotional control, and social sensitivity. Scoring as follow: rare... (1), often... (2), and common... (3). The total score is obtained by summation of the scores of each statement, so it ranged between zero to 48, the child was a higher level of social intelligence if the percent score was 60% or more and the child with a lower level of social intelligence if less than 60%.

Part 3: Emotional Intelligence Scale.

It was developed by Al-Qatros, (2008). It consists of 16 items. It is used to measure self-awareness, self-motivation, empathy, and handling relationships. Scoring as follow: rare... (1), often... (2), and common... (3). The total score is obtained by summation of the scores of each statement, so it ranged between zero to 48, the child had a higher level of emotional intelligence if the percent score was 60% or more and the child with a lower level of emotional intelligence if less than 60%.

II: Operational Design:

The operational design included the preparatory phase, pilot study, reliability of the tool, and fieldwork.

a. Preparatory phase:

It includes reviewing of literature, different studies, and theoretical knowledge of various aspects of the problems using books, research articles, internet, periodicals, and Journals

b. Pilot Study:

A pilot study was undertaken before starting the data collection phase. It was carried out on (10%) 45 school-age children not included in the study. It was conducted in November 2018. The purpose of the pilot study was to test the applicability and the feasibility of the study tools, and it served to estimate the time needed to complete the tools. It also helped to find out any obstacles and problems that might interfere with data collection.

c. Reliability of Tool:

Cronbach alpha coefficient was calculated to assess the reliability of tools through their internal consistency by previous authors in the following table.

Tool Number	Reliability Score	Author
Tool (II) Child Abuse and Neglect Scale	Physical abuse 0.87 Emotional abuse 0.80 Neglect 0.82 Total of scale 0.87	Abatha, (2005)
Tool (III) Sexual Abuse Scale	Father 0.79 Mother 0,64	Mansour, (2008)
Tools(IV) Linguistic Intelligence Scale	0.85	Ghanem, (2011)
Tools(V) Social Intelligence Scale	first dimension 0.73 second dimension 0.60 third dimension 0.50 total 0.72	Al-Qatros, (2008)
Tools (VI) Emotional Intelligence Scale	first dimension 0.84 second dimension 0.50 third dimension 0.50 total 0.80	Al-Qatros, (2008)

d. Field Work:

The directors of the school and children's were informed about the purpose of the study, children oral consent was taken, they were informed about their right to refuse participation in the study and that their answers will not be taken against them, it will be used just for the purpose of the study. The study was conducted using the interview technique that was conducted on an individual basis. The researcher started to collect data for two days per week. A number of 10-20 children were interviewed per day. Each interview lasted for 25-35minutes, depending on the response of the interviewee; the process of data collection took a period of six months from start of November 2018 to end of April2019.

III: Administrative Design:

Before starting any step in the study, an official letter was be issued from the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing to the Directorate of education in port said city was informed in requesting for cooperation and permission to conduct the study in schools.

Ethical consideration

- 1- An approval taken from research ethic committee of Faculty of Nursing, Port Said University
- 2- An approval taken from directors of the schools to participate in the study after explanation the study aim.
- 3- An approval taken from each participant (children's) after explanation of the study aim and details data collection process to be familiar with the importance of his/her participation

IV: Statistical Design:

Data entry and statistical analysis were done using SPSS 16.0 statistical software package. Data were presented using descriptive statistics in the form of frequencies and percentages for qualitative variables, and means and standard deviations for quantitative variables. Pearson correlation coefficient analysis was used to test the scales used in the study. Statistical significance was considered at P-value <0.05 and $p < 0.001$.

RESULTS:

Table (1): The student in this study were 422 children, ranged between 9 -12 years old with Mean \pm SD 10.3 ± 1.05 . About more than half of studied children (52.4%) were boys. Nearly more than one-third of studied children (36.5%) are in fifth grade. Also, 33.2% of the studied students were in second child's ranking.

Table (2): Regarding studied children's parents, father age ranged between 20->50 with mean 39.5 ± 8.1 years, More than one-quarter of studied father's (30.6%) had basic education. As regards the occupation, the majority of studied fathers (98.8%) were working. On the other hand, the mother's age ranged between 20->50 years old with a mean of 34.1 ± 7.1 years. More than two-fifth of studied mothers (40.8%) had basic education, while more than two-thirds of the studied mothers (66.8%) were not working. Less than two-third of studied parents (63.0%) were living together. About the residence of studied parents, the majority of them (98.6%) living in urban. The majority of family (92.9%) reported having enough income.

Figure (1): shows that 15.2% of studied students had a high level of abuse. While 84.8% of them had less level of abuse, as specifically for each type of abuse, 27% of studied students reported neglect as most vulnerable followed by physical abuse as a level of 24.2% and finally level of emotional abuse as 18.5%. Concerning sexual abuse, only 0.2% of the most vulnerable and the majority (99.8%) are least exposed.

Figure (2): shows that 88.6% of studied students had high intelligence. While 11.4% of them had less intelligence .Regarding aspects of intelligence, linguistic intelligence was (93.6%) high intelligence, on the other hand, 6.4% of low intelligence. Conversely, social intelligence more than half (55%) were high intelligence, as well as 45% were low intelligence. Additionally, emotional intelligence vast majority (81.3) were high intelligence, also 18.7% were low intelligence.

Table (3): the relation between child characteristics and total physical abuse among studied students, shows that statistically significant relation between age and total physical abuse ($P=.001$).

Table (4): the relation between child characteristics and aspects of intelligence among studied students, shows that was found a statistically significant relation between gender and linguistic, social intelligence ($p= .000, .050$). it was also shown that there was a statistically significant relation between grade and emotional intelligence ($p=.000$).

Table (5): correlation between types of child abuse and aspects of intelligence among studied students, as shown there statistically significant negative correlation between neglect and linguistic intelligence ($P=.002$). Also, statistically significant negative correlation between neglect and social intelligence ($P=.000$).

Table (6): correlation between child total intelligence and total maltreatment among studied students, as shown there statistically significant negative correlation between total child maltreatment and total intelligence among studied students ($p=.027$)

Table 1: Distribution of the studied students according to their socio-demographic characteristics (n=422)

School-age children characteristic	No	%
Age / years		
9 < 10	123	29.1
10 < 11	129	30.6
11 – 12	170	40.3
Mean \pm SD	10.3\pm1.05	
Gender		
Boys	221	52.4
Girls	201	47.6
Grade		
Fourth	130	30.8
Fifth	154	36.5
Sixth	138	32.7
Child's Ranking		
First	139	32.9
Second	140	33.2
Third	92	21.8
Fourth	48	11.4
fifth	3	0.7

Table 2: Distribution of the socio-demographic characteristics of parents as reported by studied students (n=422)

Parents' characteristics	No	%
Father Age / years		
20 < 30	28	6.6
30 < 40	206	48.8
40 < 50	153	36.3
≥ 50	35	8.3
Mean ± SD	39.5±8.1	
Father Educational level		
Illiterate	7	1.7
Basic education	129	30.6
Diploma	110	26.1
Institute	49	11.6
University	127	30.1
Father Occupation		
Work	417	98.8
Not work	5	1.2
Mother Age / years		
20 < 30	115	27.3
30 < 40	253	60.0
40 < 50	48	11.4
≥ 50	6	1.4
Mean ± SD	34.1±7.1	
Mother Educational level		
Illiterate	14	3.3
Basic education	172	40.8
diploma	90	21.3
Institute	55	13.0
University	91	21.6
Mother Occupation		
Work	140	33.2
Not work	282	66.8
Social status		
Living together	266	63.0
Divorce	87	20.6
One of the dead	69	16.4
Residence		
Rural	6	1.4
Urban	416	98.6
Family income		
Enough	392	92.9
Not enough	30	7.1

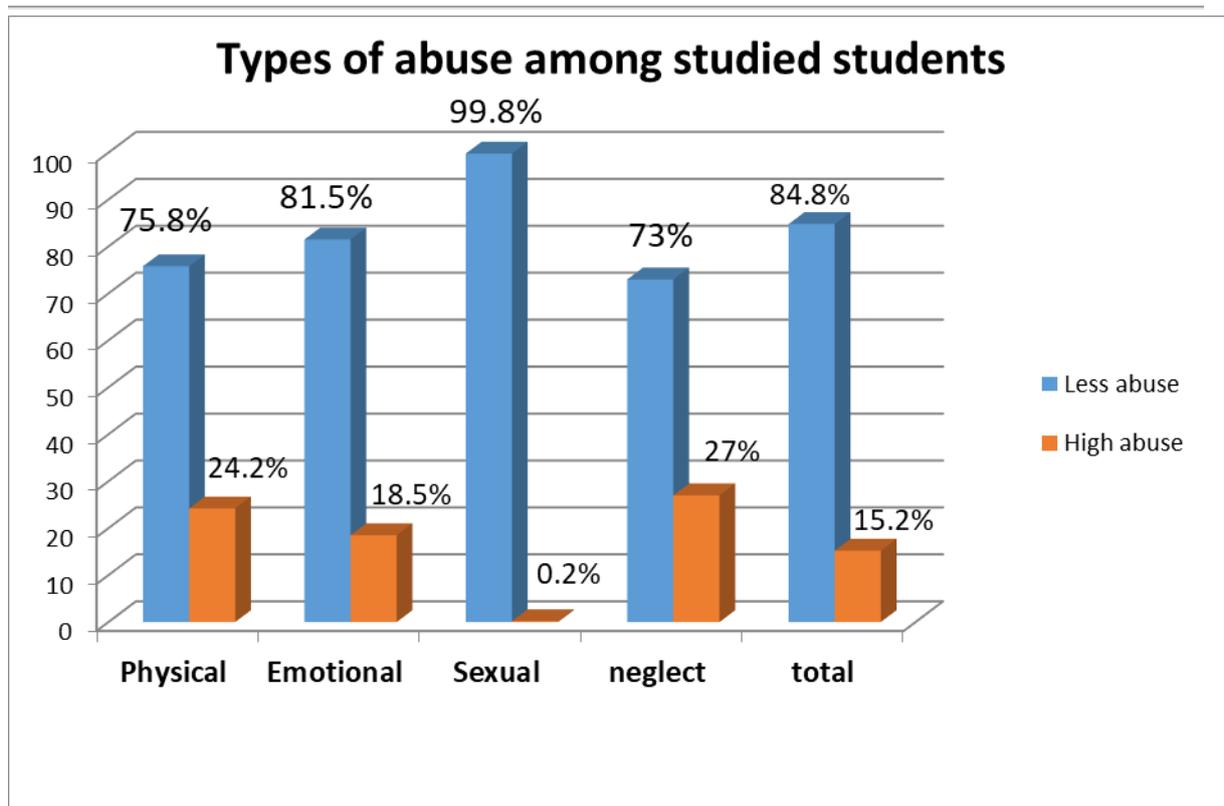


Figure 1: Studied school-age children according to types of abuse (n=422)

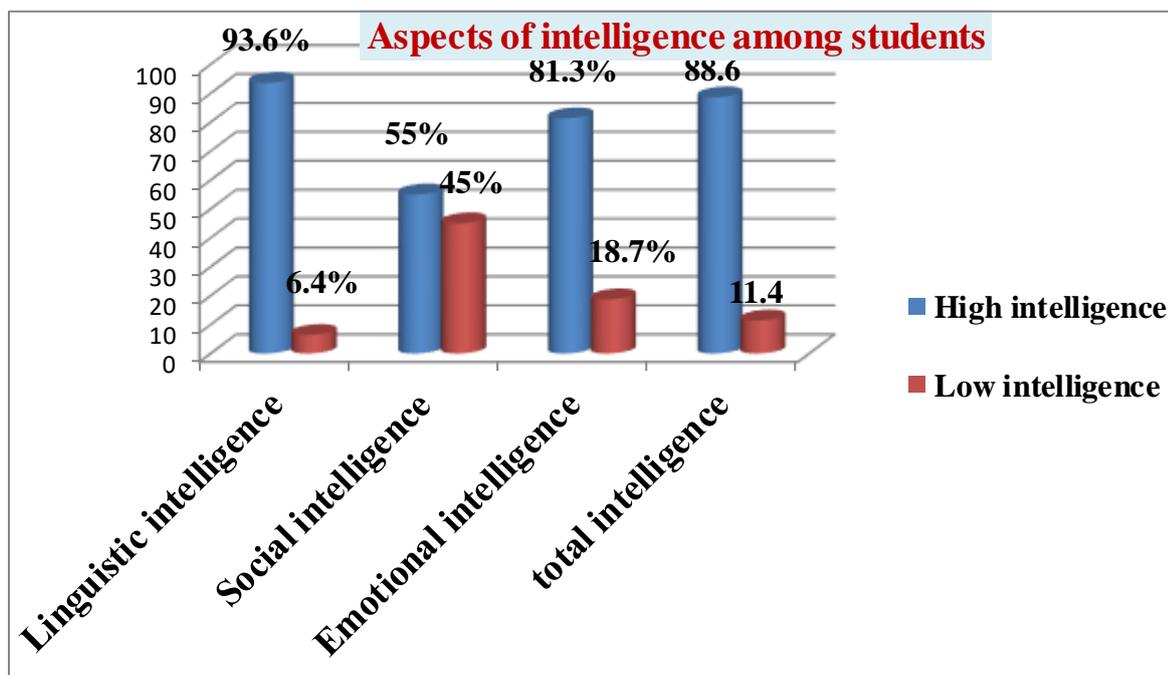


Figure 2: distribution of the studied students according to aspects of intelligence (n=422)

Table 3: Relation between child characteristics and total physical abuse among studied students:

Child characteristics	Total physical abuse				X ²	P-value
	Less		High			
	N	%	n	%		
Age / years						
9 < 10	94	76.4	29	23.6	13.01	.001*
10 < 11	111	86.0	18	14.0		
11 – 12	115	68.0	54	32.0		
Gender						
Boys	167	75.6	54	24.4	.050	.457
Girls	153	76.5	47	23.5		
Grade						
Fourth	102	78.5	28	21.5	.762	.683
Fifth	114	74.0	40	26.0		
Sixth	104	75.9	33	24.1		

X²-Chi-square test

* significant level at p <0.01

Table 4: Relation between child characteristics and aspects of intelligence among studied students:

Child characteristics	Linguistic intelligence				Social intelligence				Emotional intelligence				X ²	P-value		
	Low		High		Low		High		Low		High					
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%				
Age / years																
9 < 10	8	6.5	11	93.5	51	41.5	72	58.5	23	18.7	100	81.3	.743	.690		
10 < 11	10	7.8	11	92.2	68	52.7	61	47.3	31	24.0	98	76.0			4.44	.109
11 – 12	9	5.3	16	94.7	71	41.8	99	58.2	25	14.7	145	85.3			4.19	.123
Gender																
Boys	21	9.5	20	90.5	91	41.2	13	58.8	37	16.7	184	83.3	7.46	.000*		
Girls	6	3.0	19	97.0	99	49.3	10	50.7	42	20.9	159	79.1			2.77	.050*
Grade																
Fourth	12	9.2	11	90.8	62	47.7	68	52.3	39	30.0	91	70.0	4.46	.091		
Fifth	5	3.2	14	96.8	69	44.8	85	55.2	23	14.9	131	85.1			.664	.717
Sixth	10	7.2	12	92.8	59	42.8	79	57.2	17	12.3	121	87.7			16.03	.000*

X²-Chi square test

* significant level at p <0.01, <0.05

Table 5: Correlation between types of child abuse and aspects of intelligence among studied students:

Types of maltreatment	Linguistic intelligence		Social intelligence		Emotional intelligence	
	r	p-value	r	p-value	r	p-value
Physical abuse	-.056	.249	.052	.286	-.025	.616
Emotional abuse	-.025	.613	-.075	.124	-.041	.404
Sexual abuse	-.013	.794	.054	.270	-.023	.632
Neglect	-.148**	.002	-.194**	.000	-.044-	.368

r-Pearson correlation *. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level

Table 6: correlation between child total intelligence and total maltreatment among studied students:

Item	Total child maltreatment	
	r	p-value
Total intelligence	-.585*	.027

r-Pearson correlation

* significant at $p < 0.05$

DISCUSSION:

Child maltreatment leads to several long-term consequences in children, adolescents as well as adults. It consists of physical health problems, social and emotional difficulties that affect cognition in relation to poor academic performance and classroom functioning (Dahake, Kale, Dadpe, Kendre, & Shep, et al., 2018). Child maltreatment has the potential effects to alter a child's neuro-developmental trajectory and substantially increase the risk of later psychiatric disorders, as well as, deleterious impact neurocognitive functioning throughout the lifespan. Child maltreatment has been linked to multiple domains

of neurocognitive impairment, including language, intelligence, executive functioning, and motor skills (Teicher, Samson, Anderson & Ohashi, 2016).

The results generally indicate that more than a majority of studied students were less abused, these results might be explained that society becomes more aware of the various forms of child abuse. One-fifth of the studied student were neglect, these results may be attributed to the fact that their parent was had low educational levels. Also, studied students report that their parents commonly refuse my personal demands. As well as, a study with Stoltenborgh, Bakermans-Kranenburg, & Ijzendoorn (2014), who found that neglect ranged from 6.5% to 40.0%. Also, a study with Mohammadi, Zarafshan & Khaleghi (2014), who found that the prevalence of neglect was 57%. More than one-quarter of the studied student in the current study was exposed to physical abuse. This might be explained that the use of physical abuse for discipline and education. Thus the variable rate of physical abuse was reported in different studies 23.3% by Derakhshanpour, Shahini, Hajebi, Vakili, & Yazdi, (2017), and 40% in Zambia, 59% in Kenya by Mbagaya, Oburu, & Bakermans-Kranenburg (2013).

Less than one-fifth of studied students in the current study suffered from emotional abuse. This might be because their studied students report that they were commonly forced into things he does not like. Also, increase social stressor. Also, a study by Mahram, Hosseinkhani, Nedjat, & Aflatouni (2013), who the prevalence of emotional abuse in both genders differs from 17.9% - 91.1%, respectively. While, a study by Finkelhor, Vanderminden, Turner, Hamby, & Shattuck (2014), the prevalence of emotional abuse was 10.3%. Less than one-fifth of the studied student in the current study were exposed to sexual abuse, these results may be attributed to the fact that a low percentage of studied students were commonly making urination in front of people, these characteristics are not compatible with Egyptian society and its morals. These results agree with Tsuboi, Yoshida, Kojo, Nakamura, & Kitamura et.al (2013), who found that sexual abuse was 0.6%. Moreover, a study with Saad, Hashish, Abdel-Karim, & Mohammed (2016), found that sexual abuse about 28.3 in school-age children

The results of the current study indicated more than a majority of studied students were high intelligence, these results may be due to the training of their parents on language skills and their integration in social life to help express their feelings. The majority of studied students had linguistic intelligence in the current study. These results may be attributed to the fact that a high percentage of mothers did not work as they have time to

improve their children's language skills. Also, Kurt (2020), reported that Jean Piaget's theory of cognitive development suggests that children during the school-age period, conceptual abilities become increasingly flexible, during the concrete operational period, they acquire the ability to perform cognitive operations and apply these new skills when thinking about objects, situations, and events. In the same line, Al-Wadi, (2012), found that 77% - 97.7% of school-age children have linguistic intelligence. While, a study with Kartiah, AsfahRahman, Qashas Rahman,&Jabu (2014), found that linguistic intelligence was 56%.

More than half of the studied students had high social intelligence. This might be explained by the fact the highest percentage of parents living together, as this encourages the strengthening of family and social relations in Egyptian society. These findings are supported by Kennedy-Murray (2016), who found that social intelligence was 53%. Also, a study with Maftoon, &Sarem (2012), found that social intelligence was 98.8%.In the current study, the majority of studied students had emotional intelligence. These results may be attributed to the fact that a high percentage of studied students age between (11-12 years). Emotional intelligence with maturation is shown through an increase with age. Similarly, Singh, Makharia, Sharma, Agrawal, &Varma et al.(2017), found that prevalence rates of emotional intelligence ranged from 88.3% - 90.2%.

In the present study, a statistically significant relationship between total physical abuse and age, increase exposure to physical abuse with increasing age of the studied student. The present findings are supported by Saad, Hashish, Abdel-Karim, &Mohammed (2016), who found statistically significant relationships between the type of abuse and the child's age. On the other hand, study finding by Bengwasan (2018), who reported that significant differences with age, and type of abuse

In present, study a statistically significant relationship between linguistic intelligence and gender of the child, girls tend to show linguistic intelligence significantly higher than boys. Similarly, the study by Al-Faoury&Smadi, (2015), who found that boys favored logical intelligence while girls favored linguistic intelligence. On the other hand, a study by Punia&Jyoti (2016), who found that no gender discrimination was found on linguistic intelligence.

In the current study, the statistically significant relationship between social intelligence and gender of the child, boys tend to show social intelligence significantly higher than girls, this may be related to boys wants to peer, that better than girls. However,

the study by Saxena& Jain, (2013), who found that gender analysis indicates that girls student's pass more social intelligence than boys students

The statistically significant relationship between emotional intelligence and the grade of the child, children in sixth grade tend to show emotional intelligence significantly higher than fourth and fifth grade ($P = \text{less than } .000$). This may be related to that the child begins to be emotionally mature than the previous as they grow in age occur. The present study findings supported by Nayak (2014), who found that a significant correlation between school-age and emotional intelligence.

The present study showed a negative correlation between neglect and linguistic, social intelligence ($P=.002$), in this regard (Spratt, Friedenberg, Swenson, Larosa,& De Bellis, et al, 2012), reported that children with high exposure to neglect that contact poor social relationship and language problem, slow language development plays a role in behavioral difficulties across the life span, Children with a history of neglect are at risk for impaired language development. The present results are similar to Sylvestre, Bussieres, & Bouchard, (2016), who found a significant inverse association between neglect and language. However, a study by Mcdonald, Milne, Knight, & Webster (2013), who found a significant positive relationship between exposure to abuse and/or neglect in the early years of life and the development of a child, especially with language, social development.

In general, the results of the present study revealed that there statistically significant negative correlation between total child maltreatment and total intelligence among studied students, the children who are highly exposed to maltreatment have low intelligence. These results are supported by Coohy, Renner, Hua, Zhang, & Whitney (2011), who found a relationship between the type of maltreatment and lower intelligence. Also, De Bellis&Zisk (2014), demonstrated that child maltreatment could be linked to the global cognitive deficit, including impaired intelligence. Furthermore, a study by Irigaray, Pacheco, Grassi-Oliveira, Fonseca, & De Carvalho, et al., (2013), who found that maltreatment during childhood had deleterious effects on attention and cognitive functioning

CONCLUSION:

The most common maltreatment among the studied students were neglect, 27 %, and physical abuse,24.2%, followed by emotional abuse,18.5%, and only,0.2%, were exposed to sexual abuse. The majority of studied students had linguistic and emotional intelligence.

There was a negative correlation between child abuse and the selected aspects of intelligence (linguistic, social, and emotional).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In the light of the current study results, the following recommendations are recommended:

1. Periodic assessment of school-age children about forms of abuse and aspects of intelligence
2. Conduct a training program for the parent about the seriousness of the abuse and its effects on the level of intelligence
3. A comprehensive guidance program to support school-age psychologically and socially as a result of their abuse

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تأثير سوء المعاملة على جوانب الذكاء المختارة بين الاطفال في سن المدرسة

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سوء معاملة الأطفـال له تأثير على الذكاء اللغوي والاجتماعي والعاطفي الذي بدوره يتسبب في انخفاض مستوى التحصيل الدراسي. **هدف الدراسة:** تحديد تأثير سوء المعاملة على جوانب الذكاء المختارة (اللغوي- الاجتماعي- النفسي) بين الأطفـال في سن المدرسة. **طرق وأدوات البحث:** تم استخدام البحث الوصفي الارتباطي لإجراء الدراسة الحالية عن طريق استخدام العينة العشوائية العنقودية في 12 مدرسة ابتدائية تمثل القطاعات الستة بمدينة بورسعيد. إجمالي العينة 422 طالبًا تتراوح أعمارهم بين 9-12 عامًا. **أدوات جمع البيانات:** استمارة مقابلة للبيانات الاجتماعية والديموغرافية ، ومقياس الإساءة والإهمال ، ومقياس الاعتداء الجنسي ، ومقياس الذكاء اللغوي ، ومقياس الذكاء الاجتماعي ، ومقياس الذكاء العاطفي. **النتائج:** كانت أكثر أنواع سوء المعاملة شيوعًا بين طلاب الدراسة هي الإهمال 27% والاعتداء الجسدي 24.2% ، يليه الإساءة العاطفية بنسبة 18.5% ، وتعرض فقط 0.2% للاعتداء الجنسي. كان غالبية طلاب الدراسة لديهم ذكاء لغوي وعاطفي مرتفع. **الخلاصة:** هناك ارتباط عكسي بين إساءة معاملة الأطفـال وجوانب الذكاء المختارة (اللغوي-اجتماعي-النفسي). **التوصيات:** إجراء برنامج تدريبي للأبوين حول خطورة الإساءة وأثارها على مستوى الذكاء

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