ATTITUDES OF SECONDARY STUDENTS' GUARDIANS TOWARD PRIVATE TUITION

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ABSTRACT

Balanced development of various human qualities is possible only through proper education. Like various basic needs, education is now considered a basic need. Every parent wants to give high-quality education to their children, but due to professional reasons or lack of time parents fail to give proper guidance to their children. So nowadays parents are becoming dependent on private tuition to give proper education to their children. Secondary-level courses are long and difficult and therefore require consistent supervision. Parents are willing to give private tuition to their children to provide them with consistent guidance and extra support in their educational careers. The study aims to find out the differences in attitudes towards private tuition according to the educational qualifications of parents and to find out the nature of the attitude of guardians considering differing test items.

A descriptive survey method was used in this study. The purposive sampling method was used for data collection. For data collection, 56 parents were selected from two districts. Only those parents selected as the sample, whose children study in secondary school. A self-made questionnaire was developed for data collection, and standardized by the expert. The scale was developed using Likert's method of summarization to assign a five-point rating to each item. The questionnaire used for data collection consisted of 47 items including positive and negative items. In this study, the percentage of opinions of the respondents on each item is shown by the graphical presentation. Finally, after analyzing the data it was found that parents have a positive attitude towards private tuition. Guardians with lower educational qualifications expressed more positive views on private tuition. So here it can be said that parents are largely dependent on private tuition for their child's education.

KEYWORDS: Attitude, Private Tuition, Secondary School Students Guardians.

INTRODUCTION

Education can make a person which makes him successful in society. According to this opinion, education is the improvement of people in the society. A person's education starts from the moment of his birth and continues throughout his life. The term "education" is very broad and constantly changing. Our whole life is bound up in its vast and varied boundaries. It is an important indicator of human development. It is possible to improve the quality of most people through good education. Like nutrition, clothing, and shelter, education is considered one of the most important human needs today. Over the years, rising living standards and economic development of many countries and individuals have increased the demand for quality education.

Nowadays, everyone in society is seeing how important education is in their lives. Since education shapes our lives, the illiterate is compared to the blind. So, every parent wants to give a good education to their children. They want to make a positive impact on their children's education. The truth is that parents invest a lot of money in their children's education but they fail to take responsibility for their children's education. But parents usually cannot fulfill this responsibility. There are several reasons behind this, including lack of education, lack of time, lack of specific skills, etc. Tutoring, often referred to as "shadow teaching", has become an accepted way to manage this problem and help students access their education.

Effective private tuition may help overcome these gaps or deficiencies in students' learning and build their confidence enabling them to compete with others and experience a happy and pleasant life. (Mark Bray - 2007, Second Edition).

Students, especially in middle school, need appropriate help to heal from recent trauma and attend prestigious schools. Moreover, the secondary school curriculum is long and complex and requires good guidance and constant attention. Some students are taught by regular teachers in the same school, while others are taught by non-professional teachers. Parents prefer private tuition to provide moral support and assistance to their children in their educational life. Private schools have now gained the trust of parents and students.

Although private tutoring is available at all levels of education, they are most effective for middle and high school public exams. Due to increased competition for entry into technical education in upper secondary schools and in later years, through recruitment to appropriate courses in secondary schools. Today, parents invest and hire private tutors to help their children succeed. Parents are ready to do everything to leave a bright future for their children. This article aims to explore the views
of parents of secondary school students about private tutoring. Even in developed or developing countries, private education must be viewed specifically in today's world. It has expanded dramatically over the past twenty years, affecting people of all economic strata in both developed and wealthy countries.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Unal et al. (2010) conducted a study on the effect of private tutoring on performance in mathematics in Turkey: A comparison across occupational types. The study aims to assess the impact of private tutoring in Turkey on 15-year-old students with parents in four occupational categories. The study found that private math tutoring moderately positively impacted all four occupational strata, with one hour of tutoring equating to 12-15 points on a math achievement exam.

Mwebi & Maitiya (2016) conducted a study on the Perceptions of Parents on the Practice of Private Tuition in Public Learning Institutions in Kenya. The objectives of this study were to identify the factors that parents believed supported private tuition. This study used a descriptive survey design and simple random sampling to find that parents have a favorable opinion of private tuition, citing its positive impact on children’s grades, school performance, and academic knowledge.

Goutam & Aggarwal (2018) conducted a study on the Development of Parental Attitudes towards Home schooling Scale. The objectives of the study were to measure the attitude of parents towards homeschooling. A descriptive survey method was used for this study. The final version of the scale only contained highly diagnostic items. The need for examining the individual from the perspective of these fundamental areas is highlighted by the moderate link between diverse areas.

Bidyalakshmi (2016) conducted a study on the Attitude of Parents Towards Private Tuition in Manipur, India. To find out the contribution of the parents towards their children’s education. To find out the reason of the parents for sending their children to private tuition. A study using a descriptive survey method found that all parents believe private tuition is necessary for their children's future success, as it has become a significant part of the state's educational system.

Madhu and Bhattacharyya (2018) conducted a study on Parental attitudes toward Private Tuition at the Senior Secondary level. The objectives of the study were to measure the attitudes of parents towards private tuition. The study uses a descriptive survey method to reveal significant differences in parents’ attitudes towards private instruction, with urban parents being more favorable towards senior secondary private tuition.

Chingthem and Sharma (2015) conducted a study on the Attitude of Parents toward Private Tuition: A Case Study. The objectives of the study were to find out the opinion of the parents on the causes of increasing private tuition in Manipur.

The study, using simple random sampling, found that frequent bandhs, strikes, and blockades in Manipur have increased private tuition for children's academic performance due to parental stress.

Ponselvakumar (2016) conducted a study on the perception of parents toward private tuition at the higher secondary level. The objectives of the study were to find out the level of perception towards private tuition at higher secondary levels among parents. This study uses a descriptive survey method to reveal that parents prioritize their children's academic success and are interested in private instruction strategies to enhance their higher-secondary children's performance.

Pratama & Firmansyah (2021) conducted a study on the disengaged, positive, or negative: parents’ attitudes toward learning from home amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The study investigates parents’ attitudes towards low-income housing (LFH) policy during COVID-19, finding fatherhood negatively impacts attitudes. UK government initiative, PC ownership, increase parental engagement.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To find out the differences in attitude towards private tuition according to the educational qualification of parents.
- To find out the nature of the attitude of guardians considering differing test items.

METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY

Method: The present study is based on the Descriptive survey method.

Population and Sample: The target population of the present study consists of all the parents of secondary students in Jalpaiguri and Coochbehar district of West Bengal. For conducting the present investigation, the researchers have selected 56 parents as a sample. 56 parents were taken through the purposive sampling technique.

Tools and Techniques: For data collection, the researchers used a self-made questionnaire. The questionnaire consisted of 47 items. The 47 items contained both positive and negative questions. Respondents were asked to rate each statement on a five-point Likert scale. All statements were expressed in five alternative categories, namely, strongly agree, agree, undecided, disagree, and strongly disagree. Questions are prepared according to the objectives of the study and content areas. The self-made questionnaire on private tuition was validated by the expert.

### Analysis of Objective No - 1.

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After analysis of the mean score, the researcher can conclude that, Guardians of secondary students’ attitudes towards private tuition change in terms of educational qualifications. The attitude of secondary-level guardians toward private tuition is higher than higher secondary-level guardians. Similarly, the attitude of guardians at higher secondary level is higher than at the graduation level. Finally, graduation-level parents have lower attitudes toward private tuition than secondary and higher-secondary parents. So here it can be said, Secondary>Higher Secondary>Graduation.

**Analysis of objective no-2.**

**Data Analysis and Interpretation:** After collecting the data, the question paper has been rated keeping in mind the negative and positive statements. The question paper expresses the views of the guardians of secondary-level students. which is shown below…..

1. Subjects are simplified in private tuition.

   Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 50% strongly agreed, 46.43% agreed, 0 % disagreed,1.79 % completely disagreed, and 1.79 % of guardians expressed no opinion.

   **INTERPRETATION:** According to the data, 96.43% of the guardians agreed that private tuition simplifies the subject explanation for students, while only 1.79% disagreed. This suggests that most guardians believe private tutors are necessary for effective learning.

2. Private tuition is needed to score well in exams.

   Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 35.71 % strongly agreed, 51.79 % agreed, 5.36 % disagreed, 1.79 % completely disagreed, and 5.36 % of guardians expressed no opinion.

   **INTERPRETATION:** After analyzing the data, it is evident that 87.5% of guardians agree while 7.15% disagree. Most guardians believe private tuition is necessary for achieving good exam results.
3. Private tuition increases focus on studies.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 28.57% strongly agreed, 55.36% agreed, 5.36% disagreed, 1.79% completely disagreed, and 8.93% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data, it is seen that 83.93% of guardians have agreed and 7.15% of Guardians have disagreed. Most of the Guardians argue that private tuition increases academic focus.

4. Private tuition covers much more than textbooks.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 35.71% strongly agreed, 53.57% agreed, 5.36% disagreed, 0% completely disagreed, and 3.57% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 89.28% of guardians have agreed and 5.36% of Guardians have disagreed. Most Guardians agreed and very few Guardians disagreed on the basis that Private Tuition has more content beyond content.

5. Subjects are better understood in private tuition than in educational institutions.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 33.93% strongly agreed, 50% agreed, 5.36% disagreed, 7.14% completely disagreed, and 3.57% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** After analyzing the data, it is clear that 83.93% of guardians agree, while only 12.5% disagree. The majority of guardians agree that private tuition is more effective than educational institutions.

6. In private tuition there is no fear of discussing with the teacher so learning becomes more accessible.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 33.93% strongly agreed, 53.57% agreed, 3.57% disagreed, 0% completely disagreed, and 8.93% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 87.5% of guardians have agreed and 3.57% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of the guardians agreed that education is easier when students can easily discuss with the tuition master without any fear of private tuition and very few guardians disagreed.
7. Private tuition provides holistic knowledge of the curriculum.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 19.64% strongly agreed, 57.14% agreed, 7.14% disagreed, 5.36% completely disagreed, and 10.71% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 76.78% of guardians have agreed and 12.5% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of Guardians agreed and very few Guardians disagreed that Private Tuition provides holistic knowledge of curriculum to students.

8. Private tuition develops critical thinking skills.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 10.71% strongly agreed, 60.71% agreed, 14.29% disagreed, 8.93% completely disagreed, and 14.29% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 71.42% of guardians have agreed and 14.29% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of Guardians agree and very few Guardians disagree that private tutoring develops students’ reasoning ability.

9. To me, tuition is a waste of time.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 3.57% strongly agreed, 0% agreed, 50% disagreed, 19.64% completely disagreed, and 26.79% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 3.57% of guardians have agreed and 69.64% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of the Guardians disagreed and less number of Guardians agreed that taking private tuition is just a waste of time.

10. Private tuition is only a waste of money.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 3.57% strongly agreed, 1.79% agreed, 42.86% disagreed, 19.64% completely disagreed, and 32.14% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 5.36% of guardians have agreed and 62.5% of Guardians have disagreed. Most parents disagree that private tuition is just a waste of money, while a minority of parents agree.
11. Private tuition provides a good environment for studying.

**Responses of item-11**

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Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 16.07% strongly agreed, 53.57% agreed, 14.29% disagreed, 3.57% completely disagreed, and 12.5% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 69.64% of guardians have agreed and 17.86% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of Guardians agreed and very few Guardians disagreed that private tuition provides a good environment for studying.

12. Private tuition eliminates the fear of exams.

**Responses of item-12**

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Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 23.21% strongly agreed, 51.79% agreed, 7.14% disagreed, 1.79% completely disagreed, and 16.07% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 75% of guardians have agreed and 8.93% of Guardians have disagreed. Students don't have to fear exams when they take private tuition, in this context most of the Guardians agreed and very few Guardians disagreed.

13. Private tuition is necessary to survive in the competitive age.

**Responses of item-13**

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Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 30.36% strongly agreed, 58.93% agreed, 5.36% disagreed, 0% completely disagreed, and 5.36% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 89.29% of guardians have agreed and 5.36% of Guardians have disagreed. Many Guardians agreed and very few Guardians disagreed that Private Tuition plays an important role in competition nowadays.

14. The schedule is flexible for private tuition.

**Responses of item-14**

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Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 32.14% strongly agreed, 48.21% agreed, 3.57% disagreed, 1.79% completely disagreed, and 14.29% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 80.35% of guardians have agreed and 5.36% of Guardians have disagreed. Most of the Guardians agreed and very few Guardians disagreed that there is no compulsory timetable for private tuition.
15. Private tuition to prepare for job exams.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 32.14% strongly agreed, 50% agreed, 3.57% disagreed, 5.36% completely disagreed, and 8.93% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 82.14% of guardians have agreed and 8.93% of Guardians have disagreed. Most respondents agreed that private tutoring prepares students for job exams, while a minority of respondents disagreed.

16. Private tuition makes students have a bad attitude about school.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 7.14% strongly agreed, 8.93% agreed, 37.5% disagreed, 10.71% completely disagreed, and 7.86% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 16.07% of guardians have agreed and 48.21% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of Guardians disagreed and very few Guardians agreed that private tuition creates negative attitudes towards school in students.

17. Private tuition is required for children with poor results.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 14.29% strongly agreed, 44.64% agreed, 26.79% disagreed, 5.36% completely disagreed, and 32.15% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 58.93% of guardians have agreed and 32.15% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of the Guardians agreed and less number of Guardians disagreed that private tuition is needed for poor performing children.

18. Tuition increases the financial burden of the family.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 5.36% strongly agreed, 26.79% agreed, 17.86% disagreed, 39.29% completely disagreed, and 10.71% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 32.15% of guardians have agreed and 50% of Guardians have disagreed. Many Guardians disagreed and very few Guardians agreed that private tuition increases the financial burden on the family.
19. Noisy classrooms in educational institutions need tuition for a good quality learning environment.

**Responses of item-19**

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 41.07% strongly agreed, 50% agreed, 1.79% disagreed, 1.79% completely disagreed, and 5.36% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 91.07% of guardians have agreed and 3.58% of Guardians have disagreed. Most of the Guardians agreed and very few Guardians disagreed on the fact that private tuition is necessary for a good quality learning environment because of noisy environment in educational institutions.

20. In private tuition, the Tuition Master can give individual attention to each student.

**Responses of item-20**

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 32.14% strongly agreed, 57.14% agreed, 3.57% disagreed, 1.79% completely disagreed, and 5.36% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 89.28% of guardians have agreed and 3.56% of Guardians have disagreed. Most of the Guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed that in private tuition, Tuition Master can give individual attention to each student.

21. Private tuition provides a healthy environment for better learning.

**Responses of item-21**

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 23.21% strongly agreed, 53.57% agreed, 3.57% disagreed, 1.79% completely disagreed, and 17.86% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 76.78% of guardians have agreed and 5.36% of Guardians have disagreed. In terms of private tuition providing a healthy environment for better learning, most of the Guardians agreed and a small number of Guardians disagreed.

22. Writing notes with private tutoring improves students' handwriting and speed.

**Responses of item-22**

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 35.71% strongly agreed, 51.79% agreed, 8.93% disagreed, 3.57% completely disagreed, and 19.3% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 87.5% of guardians have agreed and 3.57% of Guardians have disagreed. Handwriting is better for students writing notes in private tutoring and writing speed increases, Most of the Guardians agreed and a small number of Guardians disagreed.
23. Private tuition is needed to get good subjects in higher education.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 42.86% strongly agreed, 48.21% agreed, 0% disagreed, 0% completely disagreed, and 8.93% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 91.07% of guardians have agreed and 0% of Guardians have disagreed. Majority of the Guardians agreed, no Guardians disagreed and very few Guardians had no opinion on the fact that private tuition is necessary to get good subjects for higher education.

24. Private tuition to prepare for various entrance exams.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 41.07% strongly agreed, 53.57% agreed, 0% disagreed, 0% completely disagreed, and 5.36% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 94.64% of guardians have agreed and 0% of Guardians have disagreed. In terms of private tuition preparing students for various entrance exams, most of the Guardians agreed, none disagreed and very few Guardians gave no opinion.

25. Students can easily interact with teachers in private tuition.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 21.43% strongly agreed, 66.07% agreed, 5.36% disagreed, 3.57% completely disagreed, and 10.71% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 87.5% of guardians have agreed and 7.14% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of the guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed that students can easily communicate with the tuition master in private tuition.

26. Tuition Master motivates students to learn.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 26.79% strongly agreed, 46.43% agreed, 12.5% disagreed, 3.57% completely disagreed, and 10.71% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 73.22% of guardians have agreed and 16.07% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of the guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed in terms of private master motivating students in learning.
27. Students do not concentrate in class due to tuition.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 8.93% strongly agreed, 14.29% agreed, 35.71% disagreed, 8.93% completely disagreed, and 32.14% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 23.22% of guardians have agreed and 44.64% of Guardians have disagreed. In terms of students not paying attention in class due to tutoring, a small number of guardians agreed and a large number of guardians disagreed, with a significant number of guardians giving no opinion.


Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 8.93% strongly agreed, 21.43% agreed, 32.14% disagreed, 17.86% completely disagreed, and 19.64% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 30.36% of guardians have agreed and 50% of Guardians have disagreed. In terms of teaching, tuition means teachers' income, In this regard, the majority of Guardians disagreed very few Guardians agreed and a certain number of Guardians did not give any opinion.

29. Schools do not teach proper techniques, so private tuition is needed.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 17.86% strongly agreed, 35.71% agreed, 19.64% disagreed, 8.93% completely disagreed, and 17.86% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 53.57% of guardians have agreed and 28.57% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of Guardians agreed and very few Guardians disagreed that schools do not teach proper technique and hence need private tuition.

30. School teachers do not take good care of students so private tuition is needed.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 21.43% strongly agreed, 30.36% agreed, 25% disagreed, 8.93% completely disagreed, and 14.29% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 51.79% of guardians have agreed and 33.93% of Guardians have disagreed. A significant number of Guardians disagreed with the view that school teachers do not take good care of students and thus need private tuition, while slightly more Guardians agreed and few Guardians expressed no opinion.
31. To complete the syllabus within the specified time, private tuition is required.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 23.21% strongly agreed, 60.71% agreed, 3.57% disagreed, 0% completely disagreed, and 12.5% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 83.92% of guardians have agreed and 3.57% of Guardians have disagreed. In terms of needing private tuition to complete the syllabus within the specified time, the majority of the guardians agreed, very few guardians disagreed and several guardians did not express any opinion.

32. Students can understand the subject in detail through private tuition.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 17.86% strongly agreed, 67.86% agreed, 5.36% disagreed, 5.36% completely disagreed, and 8.93% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 85.72% of guardians have agreed and 5.36% of Guardians have disagreed. Most of the guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed that students can understand the content in detail through private tuition.

33. If the parents are illiterate then the private master helps to guide the students.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 17.86% strongly agreed, 58.93% agreed, 5.36% disagreed, 5.36% completely disagreed, and 12.5% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 76.79% of guardians have agreed and 10.72% of Guardians have disagreed. Majority of the Guardians agreed and very few Guardians disagreed that private tuition is the only way to educate their children if the Guardians are illiterate.

34. Daily reading is made up of daily private tuition.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 28.57% strongly agreed, 55.36% agreed, 7.14% disagreed, 0% completely disagreed, and 8.93% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 83.93% of guardians have agreed and 7.14% of Guardians have disagreed. Most of the guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed that daily tuition is made up daily in private tuition.
35. Private tuition diverts students from school.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 19.64% strongly agreed, 21.43% agreed, 23.21% disagreed, 8.93% completely disagreed, and 26.79% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 41.07% of guardians have agreed and 32.14% of Guardians have disagreed. A majority of Guardians agreed and several Guardians disagreed, while a significant number of Guardians expressed no opinion regarding the fact that private tuition diverts students from school.

36. Notes-based learning in private tuition hinders the development of independent thinking in students.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 12.5% strongly agreed, 19.64% agreed, 35.71% disagreed, 7.14% completely disagreed, and 25% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 33.93% of guardians have agreed and 41.07% of Guardians have disagreed. Most of the Guardians disagreed, some Guardians agreed, while several Guardians expressed no opinion regarding the fact that notes-based learning in private tutoring hinders the development of students' independent thinking.

37. By having private tuition, students do not give importance to school studies.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 12.5% strongly agreed, 21.43% agreed, 33.93% disagreed, 7.14% completely disagreed, and 25% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 41.07% of guardians have agreed and 32.14% of Guardians have disagreed. Most of the Guardians disagreed, some Guardians agreed, while several Guardians expressed no opinion regarding the fact that students do not value their schooling due to having private tuition.

38. Students get tired of juggling private tuition and school studies.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 8.93% strongly agreed, 26.79% agreed, 41.07% disagreed, 7.14% completely disagreed, and 16.07% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 35.72% of guardians have agreed and 48.21% of Guardians have disagreed. Most of the guardians disagreed and several guardians agreed while some guardians expressed no opinion regarding the fact that students get tired of juggling private tuition and school studies.
39. Only meritorious students should seek private tuition.

Responses of item-39

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Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 7.14% strongly agreed, 37.5% agreed, 30.36% disagreed, 14.29% completely disagreed, and 10.71% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 44.64% of guardians have agreed and 44.65% of Guardians have disagreed. The number of Guardians who agree and disagree on the view that only meritorious students should take private tuition is almost equal and some number of Guardians did not express any opinion.

40. In private tuition, students are more interested in their studies by watching their friends study.

Responses of item-40

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Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 25% strongly agreed, 64.29% agreed, 3.57% disagreed, 1.79% completely disagreed, and 5.36% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 89.29% of guardians have agreed and 1.79% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed that private tuition students are more interested in their studies by watching their friends study.

41. Private tuition can prepare students well for final exams.

Responses of item-41

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Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 25% strongly agreed, 64.29% agreed, 1.79% disagreed, 0% completely disagreed, and 8.93% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 89.29% of guardians have agreed and 1.79% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed that private tuition can prepare students better for final exams.

42. Private tuition helps students maintain continuity in their studies.

Responses of item-42

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Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 28.57% strongly agreed, 60.71% agreed, 3.57% disagreed, 1.79% completely disagreed, and 5.36% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 89.28% of guardians have agreed and 5.36% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed that private tuition helps students to continue their studies.
43. Private tuition helps each student understand reading differently.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 32.14% strongly agreed, 53.57% agreed, 1.79% disagreed, 5.36% completely disagreed, and 7.14% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 85.71% of guardians have agreed and 7.15% of Guardians have disagreed. A majority of Guardians agreed and a small number of Guardians disagreed that private tutoring helps each student understand reading differently.

44. All students get equal importance in private tuition.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 30.36% strongly agreed, 51.79% agreed, 8.93% disagreed, 0% completely disagreed, and 8.93% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 82.14% of guardians have agreed and 7.14% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed that every student is given equal importance in private tuition.

45. Students become much more confident after taking private tuition.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 35.71% strongly agreed, 46.43% agreed, 10.71% disagreed, 7.14 % disagreed, 0 % completely disagreed, and 10.71% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 82.14% of guardians have agreed and 8.93% of Guardians have disagreed. The majority of guardians agreed and very few guardians disagreed that students become more confident after taking private tuition.

46. Students can understand the subject through private tuition even if they cannot attend school.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 30.36% strongly agreed, 48.21% agreed, 12.5% disagreed, 3.57 % disagreed, 5.36% completely disagreed, and 12.5 % of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 78.57% of guardians have agreed and 8.93% of Guardians have disagreed. Even if the students cannot attend the class, they can understand the reading by going for private tuition most of the Guardians agreed and a small number of Guardians disagreed.
47. With private tuition, students do not have to spend separate time making notes.

Given the above questions, it is seen from taking the opinion of the parents that, 21.43% strongly agreed, 37.5% agreed, 19.64% disagreed, 3.57% completely disagreed, and 17.86% of guardians expressed no opinion.

**INTERPRETATION:** Based on the above data it is seen that 58.93% of guardians have agreed and 23.21% of Guardians have disagreed. In terms of private tutoring students do not have to spend time making notes separately, most of the guardians agreed, some guardians disagreed and few guardians expressed no opinion.

**DISCUSSION**

After analyzing all the items, the researcher finds that Secondary school students’ guardians have highly positive attitudes about private tuition. Items no 1 to 8 and 12 to 15 & 19 to 26 and 31,32,33,34,40,41,46 All these items show that the Guardian has expressed a completely positive opinion here. Further, in items no 9, 10, 16,18,21,27,28,29, and 35,36,37,38,47 in this case the Guardian has not expressed an opinion although most of the items are negative. Item no 9,10,16,17,18,27,28,29,30,35,36,37,38,39,47 In this case too it appears that the Guardian disagrees, although most of the questions or items here are negative. Only meritorious students should seek private tuition, Guardians have an equal number of positive and negative opinions on this item. Also, the Guardians have not given any opinion on the disagreement regarding items 23 and 24. From the above analysis, items for which many Guardians expressed no opinion are negative in nature. Items for which the number of disagreeing respondents is high are also negative in nature. Furthermore, the items that parents agreed with were positive in nature. So, it can be said that the guardians have a positive attitude towards private tuition. Parents enroll children in private tuition to increase their educational qualification are more dependent on private tuition. Because they are not able to give proper guidance to their children and depend more on private tutors.

**REFERENCES**