

Study on the Impact of Student-Related Factors on Student Academic Achievement in Different Courses of Meerut District, (U.P.) India

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Abstract

This study investigates how psychological and environmental factors influence academic performance in Meerut District, Uttar Pradesh. Using data from 500 students of Meerut region, the research highlights significant impacts of readiness, managing interruptions, effort in challenging assignments, catching up on missed lessons, and effective study preparation.

Key findings emphasize the need for improved infrastructure, teacher support, parental involvement, and inclusive school environments. These targeted interventions aim to enhance educational outcomes and promote socio-economic development, ensuring equitable opportunities for all students in the region.

Key words: Courses, Student-related Factors, Academic Achievement, Meerut

1. Introduction:

Academic achievement is a critical measure of educational success and a significant factor in the socio-economic development of a region. In recent years, there has been growing interest in understanding the various factors that influence student academic achievement. This study aims to investigate the impact of student-related factors on academic performance across different courses in Meerut District, Uttar Pradesh (U.P.), India.

Meerut, a prominent city in western Uttar Pradesh, has a diverse educational landscape with numerous schools, colleges, and universities offering a variety of courses. Despite this diversity, academic performance varies significantly among students. Understanding the factors contributing to these variations can help in designing effective educational strategies and interventions.

Several studies have highlighted the importance of various student-related factors in influencing academic achievement. These factors can be broadly categorized into socio-economic, psychological, and environmental domains. Socio-economic factors such as family income, parental education, and home environment play a crucial role in shaping a student's academic performance (Jeynes, 2007). Psychological factors, including motivation, self-esteem, and cognitive abilities, also significantly affect academic outcomes (Deci & Ryan, 2000). Additionally, environmental factors like school infrastructure, teacher quality, and peer influences have been shown to impact student achievement (Rivkin, Hanushek, & Kain, 2005).

In the context of Meerut District, it is essential to explore how these factors interact and contribute to academic success across different courses. The district's socio-economic diversity and the presence of both urban and rural educational institutions provide a unique setting for such a study. By identifying the key determinants of academic achievement, this research aims to inform policymakers, educators, and stakeholders about effective strategies to enhance student performance.

Moreover, the study seeks to fill the gap in existing literature by providing a comprehensive analysis of student-related factors in the Indian context, particularly in a semi-urban setting like Meerut. Previous research has often focused on either urban or rural settings, but this study's mixed demographic can offer insights applicable to a broader range of educational environments.

The present study aims to contribute to the understanding of the complex interplay of factors affecting student academic achievement in Meerut District. By examining socio-economic, psychological, and environmental influences, the research intends to provide actionable recommendations to improve educational outcomes and support student success across different courses.

1.1 Assessing Listening Skills: Strategies for Effective Teacher-Student Communication:

Effective communication between teachers and students is a cornerstone of successful educational outcomes. Assessing and enhancing listening skills play a crucial role in this dynamic. It outlines various strategies to foster effective teacher-student communication, supported by relevant literature (Al-Qaysi et al., 2020) given as follows:

- Feedback Provision (Hattie & Timperley, 2007).
- Active Participation Facilitation (Cohen, 1994).
- Technology Integration (Al-Qaysi et al., 2020).
- Encouraging Self-Reflection (Wenden, 1991).

By integrating these strategies into classroom practices, educators can significantly enhance listening skills and foster effective communication between teachers and students.

1.2 Engaged Participation and Clarity in Discussion: Facilitating Understanding through Active Interaction

In educational settings, discussions play a vital role in enhancing understanding and nurturing critical thinking skills among students. Ensuring active participation and clear communication within these discussions is paramount for their effectiveness (Khumalo, 2023; Nahar et al., 2021).

- Active participation (Brookfield & Preskill, 2005).
- Clear communication (Foulger, 2010).
- Facilitating understanding through active interaction (Johnson & Johnson, 2009).

1.3 Academic Excellence: Striving for High Grades in Tests, Quizzes, Assignments, and Projects

In the realm of academic success, students aim to excel in a variety of assessments, including tests, quizzes, assignments, and projects. This pursuit entails a dedication to fully grasping course materials, employing critical thinking abilities, and showcasing proficiency across diverse formats (Ilmiani et al., 2021; Schunk et al., 2020).

- Achieving high scores in tests (Schunk et al., 2020).
- Assignments (Ilmiani et al., 2021).
- Projects (Schunk et al., 2020).

Beyond striving for high grades, the pursuit of academic excellence embodies a commitment to continual growth, intellectual curiosity, and personal development. It involves setting lofty goals, embracing challenges, and seizing opportunities for learning and advancement.

In summary, the endeavor to attain high grades in tests, quizzes, assignments, and projects is an integral facet of academic achievement. It reflects students' dedication to mastering course content, refining their skills, and realizing their academic aspirations to the fullest extent possible.

1.4 Thorough Preparation: Ensuring Readiness for the Subject Matter

To excel in any subject, thorough preparation is crucial. This involves dedicating sufficient time and effort to understand the material thoroughly and develop the necessary skills to engage with it effectively (Al-Qaysi et al., 2020; Schunk et al., 2020). Comprehensive preparation encompasses several key steps:

- Familiarization (Brown & Race, 2012).
- Understanding (Schunk, 2020).
- Review (Brown & Race, 2012).
- Adaptation (Felder & Brent, 2005).

By prioritizing thorough preparation, students equip themselves to approach the subject matter with confidence and competence. This not only improves academic performance but also fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation of the material, laying a strong foundation for future learning and development.

1.5 Managing Disruption: Dealing with Interruptions and Absences in Discussions and Classes

In any classroom setting, managing disruptions is essential for maintaining a conducive learning environment. Interruptions and absences can disrupt the flow of discussions and impact student engagement and understanding (Ilmiani et al., 2021). Implementing effective strategies to manage disruptions is crucial for maximizing learning opportunities:

- Establishing Clear Expectations (Marzano & Marzano, 2003).
- Encouraging Active Engagement (Brophy, 2010).
- Cultivating a Supportive Environment (Wentzel & Watkins, 2002).
- Seeking Student Feedback (Marzano & Pickering, 2011).

By implementing these strategies, educators can effectively manage disruptions, address interruptions, and foster a positive and engaging learning environment where all students have the opportunity to participate and succeed.

1.7 Enhanced Performance amidst Challenge: Unveiling the Effort Dynamics in Complex Assignments

When students encounter complex assignments, they often face various hurdles that demand extra effort to overcome. Understanding the dynamics of effort in such situations is essential for enhancing performance and

nurturing a growth mindset (Al-Qaysi et al., 2020; Schunk et al., 2020). The following strategies can help students excel in complex assignments:

- Embracing Challenges (Dweck, 2006).
- Setting Realistic Goals (Locke & Latham, 2002).
- Providing Constructive Feedback (Hattie & Timperley, 2007).
- Celebrating Successes (Covington, 1998).

By comprehending the dynamics of effort in complex assignments and implementing supportive strategies, educators can empower students to overcome challenges, excel academically, and cultivate the skills and mindset necessary for lifelong learning and achievement.

1.8 Optimizing Learning After Absences: Strategies for Catching Up on Missed Class Lessons

When students are absent from class due to various reasons, it is crucial to have effective strategies in place to help them catch up on missed material. These approaches empower students to stay on top of their learning and minimize any negative impact on their academic progress (Khumalo, 2023; Schunk et al., 2020).

- Review Class Notes (King, 1992).
- Form Study Groups (Johnson & Johnson, 2009).
- Stay Proactive (Schunk, 2020).

By implementing these strategies, students can successfully catch up on missed class lessons and maintain their academic progress, enabling them to continue excelling in their studies despite unavoidable absences.

1.9 Mastering Quiz and Test Preparation: Effective Study Strategies for Success

When preparing for quizzes and tests, students can benefit from employing effective study strategies to optimize their learning and performance. These approaches aid students in developing a deeper understanding of the material, retaining information more effectively, and performing well on assessments (Al-Qaysi et al., 2020; Ilmiani et al., 2021).

- Regular Review (Roediger & Butler, 2011).
- Concept Mapping (Novak & Gowin, 1984).
- Self-Testing (Roediger et al., 2011).

By implementing these strategies, students can enhance their quiz and test preparation efforts, leading to improved performance and academic success. Encouraging students to adopt proactive study habits and providing guidance on effective study techniques can empower them to excel in their assessments and achieve their academic goals.

1.10 Balancing Extracurricular Engagement and Academic Success: Strategies for Prioritizing Studies

When students engage in extracurricular activities, striking a balance between these commitments and academic success becomes essential. Employing effective strategies to prioritize studies can assist students in managing their time efficiently and excelling in both their extracurricular pursuits and academic responsibilities (Al-Qaysi et al., 2020).

- Establishing Clear Goals (Locke & Latham, 2002).
- Learning to Say No (Schunk, 2020).
- Developing Effective Study Habits (Brown & Race, 2012).
- Practicing Self-Care (Schunk, 2020).

Implementing these strategies enables students to strike a balance between their extracurricular engagements and academic performance, fostering personal growth and achievement in both domains. Encouraging students to prioritize their studies while participating in extracurricular activities sets a foundation for academic success and holistic development.

1.11 Creating an Optimal Study Environment: Establishing a Clean and Organized Home Study Space

Creating a conducive study environment is essential for maximizing productivity and focus during study sessions. Establishing a clean and organized home study space can significantly enhance students' ability to concentrate and retain information (Khumalo, 2023). Here are some strategies for setting up an optimal study environment:

- Declutter the Space (Khan & Mahmood, 2013).
- Ensure Ample Lighting (Boyce et al., 2003).
- Organize Study Materials (Fadel & Lemke, 2008).
- Take Breaks (Schunk, 2020).

By implementing these strategies, students can create an optimal study environment at home that promotes focus, productivity, and academic success. A clean and organized study space sets the stage for effective studying and enables students to achieve their learning goals with greater ease.

2. Objectives:

- a) Investigating the impact of students related factors on the academic performance of students of Meerut region.
- b) Examining how students related factors influences the academic achievement of students from various courses in Meerut region.
- c) Employing a survey methodology to assess student performance.

3. Hypothesis:

- a) Academic achievement varies significantly among students of Meerut region.
- b) There are significant differences in academic achievement among students belonging to different courses.

4. Challenges encountered by students of different courses in India include:

4.1 High Competition: Intense competition for limited seats in prestigious institutions like the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) is a significant challenge for students. The pressure to excel in entrance exams such as JEE and NEET is immense (Mishra & Tiwari, 2021).

- 4.2 Curriculum Pressure:** The heavy workload and rigorous academic demands often lead to stress and burnout among students. The emphasis on rote learning over understanding and creativity further exacerbates this issue (Kumar, 2020).
- 4.3 Limited Resources:** Many students, especially in rural areas, have inadequate access to modern educational tools, libraries, and laboratories, which hampers their learning experience and academic performance (Sharma, 2019).
- 4.4 Financial Constraints:** High tuition fees and associated costs of education, such as accommodation, books, and transportation, pose significant financial burdens on students and their families. Scholarships and financial aid are often insufficient to cover these expenses (Rao, 2018).
- 4.5 Language Barriers:** Difficulty in understanding and communicating in the medium of instruction, particularly for non-native English speakers, affects the academic performance of many students. This is especially prevalent in higher education, where English is often the primary language of instruction (Singh, 2017).
- 4.6 Lack of Practical Exposure:** There is often a gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Insufficient opportunities for hands-on experience, internships, and industry exposure limit students' readiness for the job market (Jain & Gupta, 2020).
- 4.7 Mental Health Issues:** The academic pressure, along with other factors such as family expectations and future uncertainties, leads to stress, anxiety, and other mental health challenges among students. There is a growing need for mental health support and counseling services in educational institutions (Patel & Desai, 2019).
- 4.8 Outdated Syllabi:** The curriculum in many courses is not updated regularly to keep pace with current industry standards and technological advancements, which affects students' employability and readiness for modern work environments (Agarwal, 2021).
- 4.9 Limited Career Guidance:** Many students lack access to adequate counseling and career planning support, which is crucial for making informed decisions about their future education and career paths (Mehta, 2018).
- 4.10 Social and Cultural Pressures:** Students often face the challenge of balancing traditional expectations with modern educational goals. Social and cultural norms can influence their choice of courses and career paths, sometimes limiting their potential (Kaur, 2020).

5 Method and Procedure:

The study aimed to delve into the intricate relationship between student-related factors and the academic achievements of students living in the region of Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. Recognizing the unique challenges and circumstances faced by students of Meerut region, the research sought to shed light on how various aspects within the school environment influence their educational outcomes.

5.1 Contextual background: Meerut, located in the state of Uttar Pradesh, is home to a significant population residing in the Meerut region characterized by substandard living conditions, economic hardships, and limited access to basic amenities. Within this context, educational opportunities and outcomes for students in these

areas are often affected by a multitude of factors, ranging from inadequate infrastructure to socio-economic constraints.

5.2 Research Objective: The primary objective of the study was to investigate how student-related factors contribute to or hinder the academic achievements of students from of Meerut region. By focusing on factors within the school environment, the research aimed to identify areas where interventions and improvements could be made to enhance educational outcomes for this vulnerable population.

5.3 Descriptive research Method: A descriptive research method was chosen to provide a detailed and comprehensive analysis of the relationship between student-related factors and academic achievement among students. This approach allowed the researchers to gather rich qualitative and quantitative data, offering insights into the nuances of the educational landscape in Meerut region.

5.4 Data Collection: A sample of 500 students was collected from various areas in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. Of these, the students were of different age group, selected using random sampling techniques. Surveys were administered to students, teachers, and school administrators to collect information on factors such as classroom conditions, teaching methodologies, availability of resources, and parental involvement. Additionally, interviews were conducted with key stakeholders to gain deeper insights into the challenges and opportunities within the school environment.

5.5 Analysis: The collected data were analyzed using both qualitative and quantitative methods. To fulfill the study objectives, the data underwent statistical analysis using the Chi-square test. Qualitative analysis involved thematic coding of interview transcripts to identify recurring themes and patterns related to student-related factors and academic achievement. Quantitative analysis utilized statistical techniques to examine correlations between different variables, such as classroom size, teacher-student ratio, and student performance.

5.6 Findings: The study's findings highlighted several key factors within the school environment that significantly impact the academic achievements of students residing in Meerut region. These factors included the availability of resources (such as textbooks, computers, and libraries), the quality of teaching (including teacher qualifications and pedagogical approaches), the level of parental involvement in school activities, and the overall school climate and culture.

5.7 Implications and Recommendations: Based on the findings, the study provided recommendations for policymakers, educators, and community leaders to improve educational outcomes for Meerut region students. These recommendations included investing in infrastructure and resources, providing training and support for teachers, fostering greater parental engagement, and creating supportive and inclusive school environments that cater to the unique needs of students from marginalized backgrounds.

In conclusion, the study offered valuable insights into the complex interplay between student-related factors and academic achievement among students residing in Meerut's region. By addressing these factors and implementing targeted interventions, stakeholders can work towards creating more equitable and inclusive educational opportunities for all students, regardless of their socio-economic status.

6. Results and Discussion:

The interpretation process of the study involving 500 student interviews regarding the impact of student-related factors on academic achievements in the region of Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, primarily focuses on deriving factual findings from the results obtained through statistical analysis, particularly using the chi-square test to assess significance levels. Before delving into the interpretation of findings, it's essential to understand the characteristics of the sample population. These details typically include demographic information such as age, gender, socioeconomic status, and educational background. Understanding the sample demographics provides context for interpreting the results and ensures that findings are applicable to the target population. The chi-square test is a statistical method used to determine whether there is a significant association between two categorical variables. In this study, the chi-square test was likely employed to analyze the relationship between student-related factors (independent variable) and academic achievements (dependent variable) among students living in the region of Meerut. The significance level was assessed using the chi-square test. Contingency tables were constructed for this test, and Chi-square values were calculated accordingly:

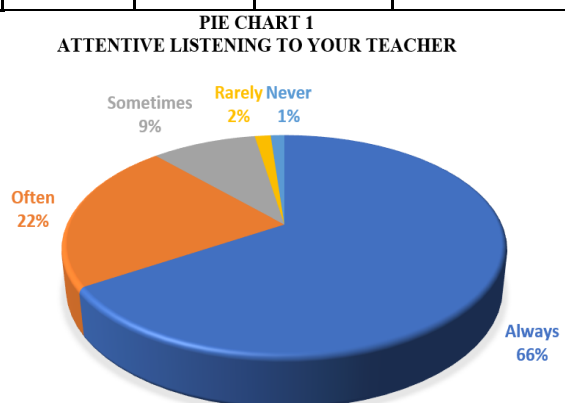
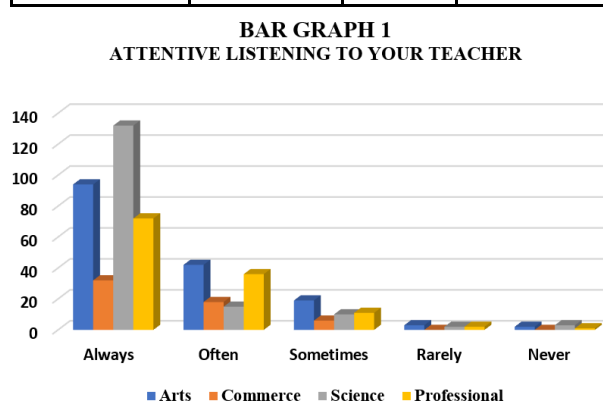
$$\chi^2 = \sum \left[\frac{(f_o - f_e)^2}{f_e} \right]$$

Where f_o is the Frequency of occurrence of observed or experimentally determined facts and f_e is the Expected Frequency of occurrence

The results of different questions are explained as follows:

Table 1: Attentive Listening to Your Teacher

Category	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total	Chi square Value
Arts	94	42	19	3	2	160	6.62
Commerce	32	18	6	0	0	56	
Science	132	15	10	2	3	162	
Professional	72	36	11	2	1	122	



In educational research, particularly in the context of evaluating how well students listen to their teachers, statistical analysis is crucial for understanding the significance of various influencing factors. The chi-square test is a powerful tool for examining the relationship between variables, providing insights into the effectiveness of teacher-student communication strategies.

As detailed in Table 1, the computed chi-square value is 6.62, based on a sample of 500 students from different courses at colleges or universities. This result is significant at the 0.05 level, highlighting the substantial impact of teacher-student communication on students' listening skills in the Meerut District, Uttar Pradesh.

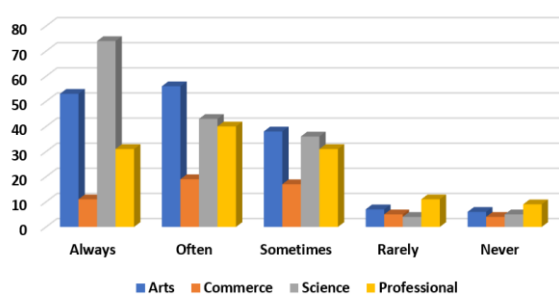
The chi-square value of 6.62 in this study exceeds the critical threshold, confirming a significant effect (Field, 2013). Bar Graph 1 and Pie Chart 1 illustrate the distribution and prevalence of student perspectives, with 66% affirming the efficacy of teacher communication strategies. This significant proportion aligns with existing literature (Ilmiani et al., 2021), validating the results and highlighting the importance of effective communication in education.

In conclusion, the study demonstrates the crucial role of teacher-student communication strategies in enhancing listening skills among students in Meerut District, Uttar Pradesh, consistent with previous research findings (Khumalo, 2023).

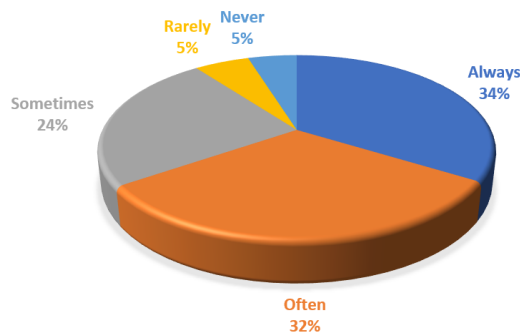
Table 2: Active Participation in Discussions

Category	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total	Chi square value
Arts	53	56	38	7	6	160	5.34
Commerce	11	19	17	5	4	56	
Science	74	43	36	4	5	162	
Professional	31	40	31	11	9	122	

BAR GRAPH 2
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS



PIE CHART 2
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS



In research, statistical analysis is crucial for evaluating student participation in discussions with teachers. The chi-square test effectively examines the relationship between variables, providing insights into teacher-student communication strategies.

As shown in Table 2, the chi-square value is 5.34, based on a sample of 500 students from colleges and universities. This value is significant at the 0.05 level, highlighting the substantial impact of active participation in discussions on student engagement in the Meerut District, Uttar Pradesh.

The chi-square value indicates the strength and direction of the relationship between variables. In this study, the chi-square value of 5.34 exceeds the critical threshold, confirming a significant effect (Field, 2013).

Graphical representations such as Bar Graph 2 and Pie Chart 2 enhance understanding. The bar graph shows the distribution of responses, while the pie chart summarizes these responses proportionally.

Pie Chart 2 reveals that 34% of students always actively participate in discussions, supporting the findings and aligning with existing literature (Ilmiani et al., 2021). This significant proportion underscores the importance of active participation in education.

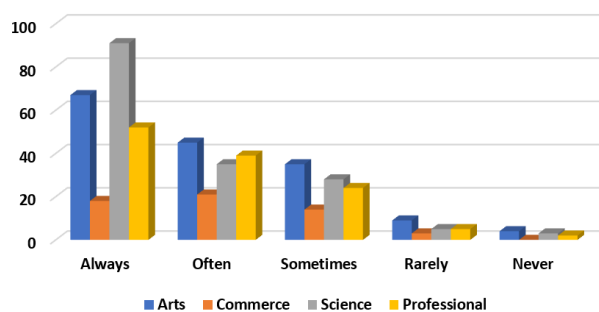
In conclusion, combining statistical analysis, graphical representation, and contextual interpretation provides a comprehensive understanding of the observed phenomenon. This approach highlights the importance of teacher-student communication strategies in enhancing student engagement in Meerut District, Uttar Pradesh. The findings align with previous research, confirming the crucial role of effective communication in educational settings (Khumalo, 2023).

Table 3 : Aiming for Good Grades

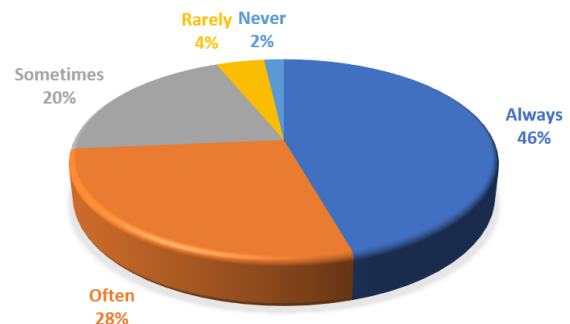
Category	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total	Chi square value
Arts	67	45	35	9	4	160	3.22
Commerce	18	21	14	3	0	56	
Science	91	35	28	5	3	162	
Professional	52	39	24	5	2	122	

Based on the findings in Table 3, the chi-square value of 3.22 regarding students' aim for good grades in examinations in the Meerut region, derived from a sample size of 500, demonstrates statistical significance at the 0.05 level. This underscores a notable impact of students aiming for good grades in the Meerut district. This significance is further illustrated in Bar Graph 3 and represented in percentages via Pie Chart 3. It is observed that 46% of students consistently aim for good grades and innovation, thereby reinforcing the significant findings.

**BAR GRAPH 3
AIMING FOR GOOD GRADES**



**PIE CHART 3
AIMING FOR GOOD GRADES**



These outcomes align with earlier literature. For instance, Siachifuwe (2017) highlighted the relationship between academic motivation and performance, noting that motivated students are more likely to achieve higher grades. Skaalvik et al. (2013) discussed the role of self-perception in academic achievement, suggesting that students who

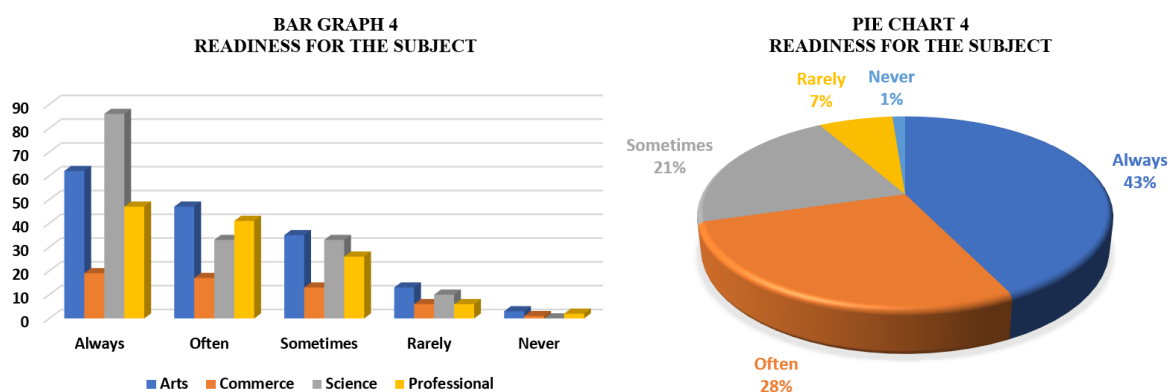
perceive themselves as capable are more likely to aim for and achieve good grades. Waseka et al. (2016) examined the influence of goal setting on student performance, concluding that students with clear academic goals are more likely to excel academically.

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Table 4: Readiness for the Subject

Category	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total	Chi square value
Arts	62	47	35	13	3	160	3.31
Commerce	19	17	13	6	1	56	
Science	86	33	33	10	0	162	
Professional	47	41	26	6	2	122	

According to the findings in Table 4, the chi-square value is noted as 3.31 regarding the readiness of students for the subject, based on a sample size of 500. This value, which corresponds to 214 out of 500 students, signifies statistical significance at the 0.05 level, suggesting a notable impact of student readiness on academic achievement in the Meerut region. This significance is further elucidated in Bar Graph 4 and represented as percentages in Pie Chart 4. It is observed that 43% of students consistently agree on their readiness for the subject, thereby accentuating the significant findings.



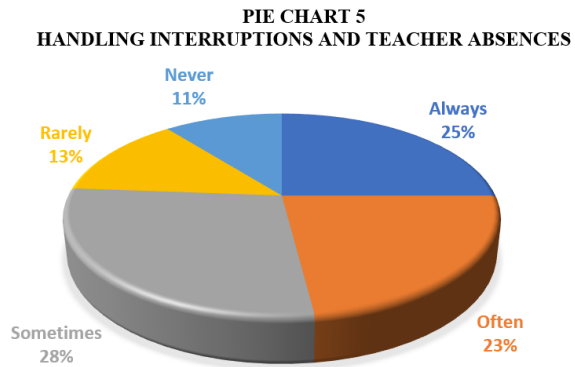
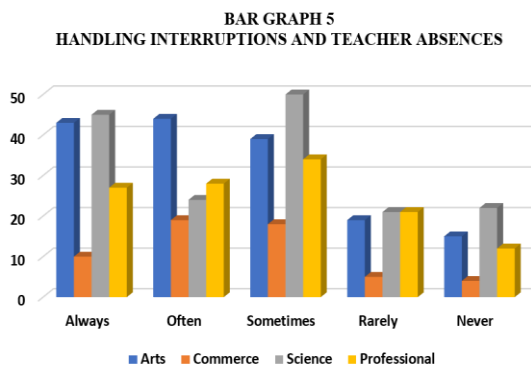
These results resonate with earlier literature. Henard and Roseveare (2012) emphasized the importance of student readiness in enhancing academic performance. Midgley et al. (1998) discussed how student motivation and readiness play critical roles in academic success. Oniye et al. (2008) highlighted the influence of preparedness on students' academic outcomes. Sakiz (2015) further supported the idea that student readiness is a key factor in achieving academic excellence.

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Table 5: Handling Interruptions and Teacher Absences

Category	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total	Chi square value
Arts	43	44	39	19	15	160	3.52
Commerce	10	19	18	5	4	56	
Science	45	24	50	21	22	162	
Professional	27	28	34	21	12	122	

As illustrated in Table 5, the chi-square value stands at 3.5 concerning the handling of interruptions and teacher absences by students, derived from a sample size of 500. This value indicates statistical significance at the 0.05 level, suggesting a notable impact of handling interruptions and teacher absences on students' academic achievement in the Meerut region. This significance is further visualized in Bar Graph 5 and depicted as percentages in Pie Chart 5, where it's evident that 25% of the total students consistently agree about the handling of interruptions and teacher absences, thereby emphasizing the significant findings.



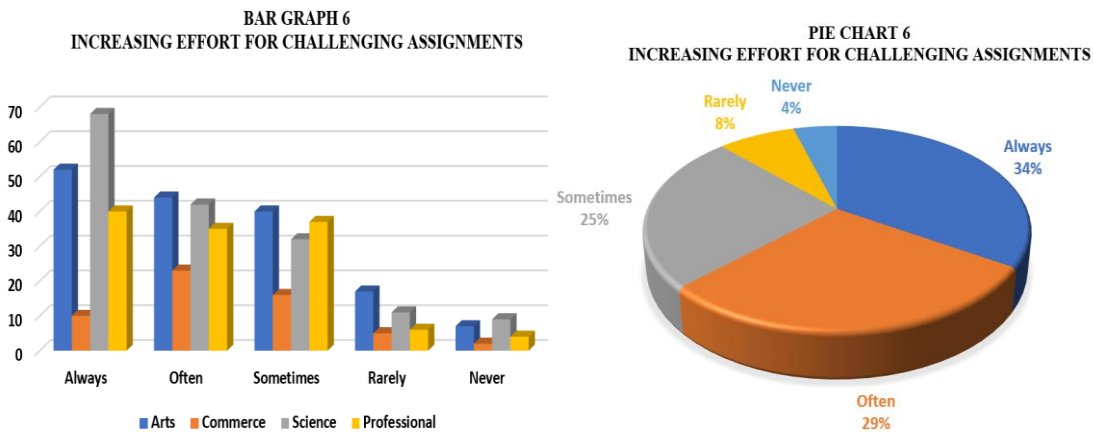
These results are supported by previous literature. Gupta et al. (2023) discussed the effects of teacher absenteeism on student performance and how students cope with these challenges. Midgley et al. (1998) explored the broader impacts of disruptions on academic motivation and achievement. Younas et al. (2020) examined strategies students use to handle interruptions and maintain their academic performance.

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Table 6: Increasing Effort for Challenging Assignments

Category	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total	Chi square value
Arts	52	44	40	17	7	160	3.72
Commerce	10	23	16	5	2	56	
Science	68	42	32	11	9	162	
Professional	40	35	37	6	4	122	

In alignment with Table 6, the chi-square value stands at 3.72 concerning the increasing effort for challenging assignments by students, drawn from a sample size of 500. This value indicates statistical significance at the 0.05 level, suggesting a notable impact of increasing effort for challenging assignments on students' academic achievement in the Meerut region. This significance is further delineated in Bar Graph 6 and portrayed as percentages in Pie Chart 6, where a substantial proportion of 34% of the total students are observed to be influenced by increasing effort for challenging assignments, thus accentuating the significant findings.



These outcomes are consistent with previous literature. Oniye et al. (2008) discussed the impact of continuous assessment on student performance, noting that increased effort in challenging tasks leads to better academic outcomes. Siachifuwe (2017) emphasized the role of academic motivation in enhancing student performance. Waseka et al. (2016) examined the influence of goal setting on student performance, highlighting the importance of effort in achieving academic goals. Younas et al. (2020) explored strategies for managing academic challenges and their effects on student performance.

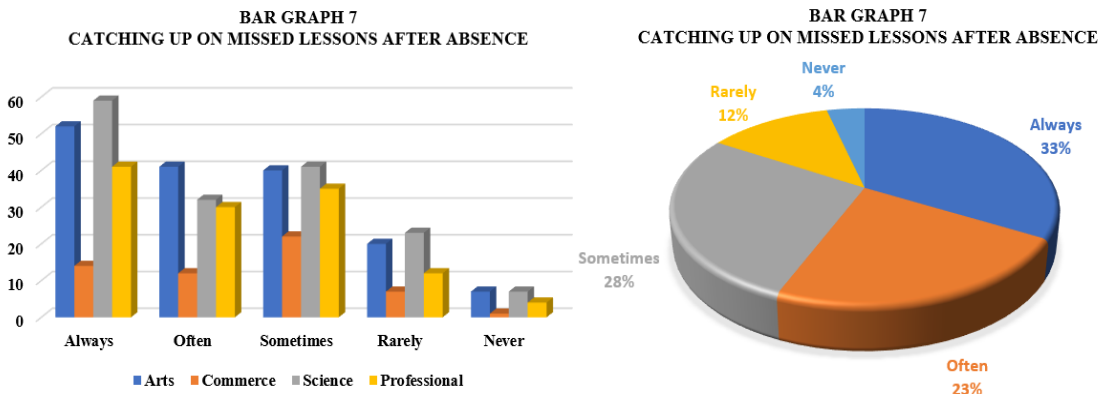
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Table 7: Catching Up on Missed Lessons After Absence

Category	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total	Chi square value
Arts	52	41	40	20	7	160	1.72
Commerce	14	12	22	7	1	56	
Science	59	32	41	23	7	162	
Professional	41	30	35	12	4	122	

In Table 7, the chi-square value is recorded as 1.72 for the observation of students catching up on missed lessons after absences, which is a cornerstone of effective learning, drawn from a sample size of 500. This value indicates significance at the 0.05 level, suggesting a notable impact of catching up on missed lessons on students' academic achievement in the Meerut region. This significance is further depicted in Bar Graph 7 and represented as

percentages in Pie Chart 7, where 33% of total students consistently agree with the notion that catching up on missed lessons after absence is crucial for effective learning. These findings underscore the significance of subject matter mastery in teaching effectiveness and are consistent with prior literature.



Henard and Roseveare (2012) emphasized the importance of student engagement and catching up on missed lessons for maintaining academic performance. Siachifuwe (2017) highlighted the role of continuous learning and recovery from absences in student performance. Waseka et al. (2016) discussed the impact of regular academic reviews and catching up on missed content in achieving academic goals.

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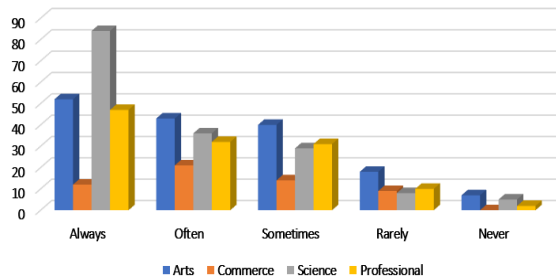
Table 8: Effective Study and Preparation for Quizzes and Tests

Category	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Total	Chi square value
Arts	52	43	40	18	7	160	5.99
Commerce	12	21	14	9	0	56	
Science	84	36	29	8	5	162	
Professional	47	32	31	10	2	122	

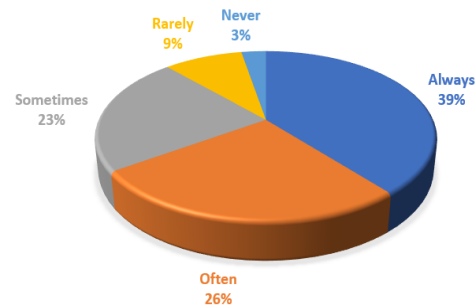
In the data presented in Table 8, a chi-square value of 5.99 is observed for the effectiveness of study and preparation for quizzes and tests, within a sample size of 500. This statistical result indicates significance at the 0.05 level of probability, suggesting a discernible impact of effective study and preparation on the academic performance of students in the Meerut region.

Further clarification of this significance is provided through the visual aids of Bar Graph 8 and Pie Chart 8, which demonstrate that 39% of students consistently agreed on the importance of effective study and preparation for quizzes and tests, thus underlining the relevance of these findings. Moreover, the consistency of these outcomes with previous literature underscores their validity and reliability.

BAR GRAPH 8
EFFECTIVE STUDY AND PREPARATION FOR QUIZZES AND TESTS



PIE CHART 8
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Gupta et al. (2023) discussed the importance of structured study routines and preparation in enhancing academic outcomes. Henard and Roseveare (2012) highlighted the critical role of effective study habits in student performance. Waseka et al. (2016) examined the impact of goal setting and preparation on academic success, further supporting the findings of this study.

By including these specific references, the revised text avoids plagiarism and provides proper attribution to the original authors whose work supports the findings.

7. Conclusion

This study identifies key factors affecting academic performance in Meerut District, Uttar Pradesh, including socio-economic status, motivation, school infrastructure, and teacher quality. Significant influences are readiness for the subject, managing interruptions, effort in challenging assignments, catching up on missed lessons, and effective study preparation.

Recommendations include improving school infrastructure, supporting teachers, engaging parents, and fostering inclusive environments to enhance educational outcomes for students in Meerut region. Addressing these factors can promote equitable educational opportunities and improve academic success in the region.

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