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ABSTRACT

A parental punitiveness scale (PPS), was developed in order to measure children's perception of parental discipline towards aggression. Subjects were 280 pratom 5-7 students (140 boys, 140 girls) from private schools in Bangkok and municipal schools in Pranakorn District. Forty-three items of misbehavior and twenty-seven types of parental punishment were selected from a previous study by Epstein and Komorita. Preliminary investigation reduced this material to a final scale consisting of thirty-two misbehavior items with four alternative parental punishments under each. The items concerned parental punitiveness towards physical, verbal and indirect aggression towards parents, teachers, siblings, peers and inanimate objects. Reliability, defined in terms of internal consistency, was .90 and .87 for the father and mother versions, respectively. Correlations between the two forms for the total sample was .14, private school students .28, female private school students .74, male private school students -.50, municipal school students -.72, female municipal school students -.33, and male municipal school students -.24.

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