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SOCIAL AWARENESS IN COMMUNICATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN VIETNAM

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Abstract

The article describes the research results of students' social awareness in communication - An important component of personal social intelligence. The study has identified the social awareness levels of 1128 students from 6 grade to 9 grade of 10 secondary schools in 5 provinces/cities in Vietnam. It also identifies models that predict the impact of communication style factors, communication trends, and students' temperament as well as communication learning from others on social awareness of students. Predictive models discovered in the study are useful suggestions for parents and teachers and students in improving the quality of establishing positive social relationships in the communication of students, through improving their social understanding.

Introduction:

Data analysis and statistical methods:

The level of social awareness in students' communication and related factors is determined by two parameters: (i) Average score, the average deviation of the score, lowest score, highest score and average score (on a 5-point scale); (ii) The percentage of awareness level, communication style, communication trends, temperament, and communication learning of the sample groups are determined by the average of the points and the average deviation of the points of each sample group. Results are processed using SPSS 20.0 software.

The difference in the level of social awareness as well as the level of expression of the factors tested by independent T-test (binary) and Anova test (multivariate); The used regression model is linear regression because the output variable (student's social awareness level) has a normal distribution.

Research Results (Results):

Describe the results of social awareness in student communication:

1.1.1. Social awareness in communication and students' styles, trends, temperament, and communication learning Table 1 describes the level of social awareness in communication; communication style and trend; temperament and communication learning of students and factors that affect students’ social awareness.

The average of common score of social awareness of the whole group of surveyed students was 3.47 / 5 points, standard deviation 0.53; Median score: 3.48 points. Thus, the social awareness in the communication of students is above average and the median deviates to the right of the rating scale (5 levels).

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Consider each cognitive field: The highest is the average of the awareness of circumstances, situations where communication, behavior, and regulations of the community and society are involved in communication and behavior (Mean = 3.68 points); Next is the average of awareness about the self in communication and behavior (Mean = 3.45 points); the third is the average of the perceptions of the role of establishing social relationships in the lives of individuals (Mean = 3.44); The fourth is the average of the perceptions of other people (Mean = 3.43). Finally, awareness of how and skills to communicate, behave effectively in communication (Mean = 3.37).

About the communication style of students. The style shown the most clearly in the surveyed student group is the democratic style (Mean = 3.54 points; Median = 3.60); followed by the freestyle (Mean = 3.18 points; Median = 3.20). The domineering style has the lowest average score (2.09 <2.5 points / 5). On the other hand, the student-oriented style of the surveyed students has a higher average score than the style towards the content of the communication, towards work in communication (Mean = 3.35 points and Mean = 3.22 points).

In terms of temperament, the two types of temperament with high average scores are calm (Mean = 3.34; Median = 3.40) and flexible (Mean = 3.25; Median = 3.20); next is the preferred temperament (Mean = 3.13; Median = 3.20), while the tempered temperament has the lowest average score, below the average (Mean = 2.43; Median = 2.40).

There is a considerable distance between the average score of the trend towards others and the trend towards self-interest in communication among secondary high school students (Mean = 3.29; Median = 3.20 and Mean = 2.89; Median = 3.0); the introvert tendency is higher than outward direction (Mean = 3.11; Median = 3.20 and Mean = 2.36; Median = 2.40). The average score for assessing the learning communication from others of junior high school students and the influence of external factors on social awareness is also quite high (Mean = 3.29; Median = 3.29 and Mean = 3.17; Median = 3.17).

**Table 1:** Social awareness in communication; communication style and trend; student’s learning temperament in communication, and impact factors.

| Factors                                      | Mean | SD  | min   | Max   | Median |
|----------------------------------------------|------|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| **The common point of perception**            |      |     |       |       |        |
| Awareness of others in communication         | 3.43 | 0.53| 1.68  | 5.00  | 3.48   |
| Awareness of yourself in communication       | 3.45 | 0.68| 1.00  | 5.00  | 3.40   |
| Awareness of communication situations and regulations in communication | 3.68 | 0.67| 1.20  | 5.00  | 3.80   |
| Understanding how and about effective communication skills | 3.37 | 0.64| 1.20  | 5.00  | 3.40   |
| Awareness of the role of social relations in personal life | 3.44 | 0.63| 1.40  | 5.00  | 3.40   |
| **Communication style**                      |      |     |       |       |        |
| Unique style                                 | 2.09 | 0.51| 1.00  | 3.80  | 2.20   |
| Democratic style                             | 3.54 | 0.67| 1.20  | 5.00  | 3.60   |
| Freestyle                                    | 3.18 | 0.55| 1.40  | 5.00  | 3.20   |
| Style oriented work                          | 3.22 | 0.57| 1.40  | 5.00  | 3.20   |
| Style towards people                         | 3.35 | 0.63| 1.00  | 5.00  | 3.40   |
| **Temperament**                              |      |     |       |       |        |
| Impatieness                                  | 2.43 | 0.45| 1.00  | 4.40  | 2.40   |
| Flexibility                                  | 3.25 | 0.67| 1.00  | 5.00  | 3.20   |
| Consideration                                | 3.13 | 0.80| 1.00  | 5.00  | 3.20   |
| Ease                                         | 3.34 | 0.63| 1.00  | 5.00  | 3.40   |
| **Trends in communication**                  |      |     |       |       |        |
| Towards other people in relationships         | 3.29 | 0.49| 1.40  | 4.80  | 3.20   |
| Towards self-interest                        | 2.89 | 0.66| 1.00  | 4.80  | 3.00   |
| The outward                                  | 2.36 | 0.46| 1.00  | 4.00  | 2.40   |
| The inward                                   | 3.11 | 0.67| 1.00  | 5.00  | 3.20   |
| **Study, influence**                         |      |     |       |       |        |
| Study, influence                             | 3.29 | 0.61| 1.43  | 5.00  | 3.29   |
| Impact factor                                | 3.17 | 0.61| 1.17  | 5.00  | 3.17   |

1.1.2. Social awareness of target groups according to the parameters of gender, residence, level of participation in activities in class, grade level, learning results and training.
Table 3 describes the level of social awareness in the communication of groups of surveyed students by comparison parameters: gender, locality, birth order in the family; participation/non-participation in collective activities; grade level, and academic achievement.

About social awareness in communication. The number of students with the lowest level of awareness (level 1) is very small: 2.30%. At level 2, there are more: (155 children, 13.74%). If you combine both level 1 and level 2 into a low cognitive group, the rate is about 16.04%. The rate of students with an average awareness level is 771 students, accounting for 68.35%, the relatively high awareness level (Level 4) is 154 children, 13.65%. Very high level (level 5) has 22 children, 1.95%. If you combine both Level 4 and Level 5 with a high level of 15.60%.

By gender, the proportion of male students with social awareness at levels 1 and 2 was 13.32%, while the proportion of female students was 19.07%; but at levels 4 and 5, the percentage of male students was 13.66%, while the percentage of female students was higher 17.76%. The percentage of students in rural areas with social awareness at levels 1 and 2 with 19.68%, at levels 4 and 5 with 11.93%. The average/weak student learning scores with social awareness at levels 1 and 2 have 14.33%. Students learning and practicing with good have 16.69%, and the group of students is the second children, at level 1 and level 2 have 15.67%, at level 4 and level 5 have 19.30%, at level 4 and level 5 have 13.69%, and grades

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Table 3:- Social awareness level of students by target groups.

| Awareness level | Male | Female | Rural | Urban | Yes | No | Class |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|
|                 |      |        |       |       |     |    | 6     |
|                 |      |        |       |       |     |    | 7     |
|                 |      |        |       |       |     |    | 8     |
|                 |      |        |       |       |     |    | 9     |
| Min-2SD         | -2SD | (-1SD) | 1-2.4 |       |     |    |       |
| n               | %    | %      | %     |       | %   | %  |       |
| Awareness level |      |        |       |       |     |    |       |
| Male            | 2    | 6      | 2.30  | 5      | 13.74 | 77 | 1     | 68.35 | 15 | 13.65 | 2    | 1.95  | 112  | 5     |
| Female          | 2    | 0      | 3.74  | 82     | 15.33 | 33 | 8     | 63.18 | 82 | 15.33 | 1    | 2.43  | 535  | 8     |
| Rural           | 1    | 2      | 2.09  | 85     | 14.78 | 38 | 1     | 66.26 | 83 | 14.43 | 1    | 2.43  | 575  | 8     |
| Urban           | 1    | 4      | 2.53  | 70     | 12.64 | 39 | 0     | 70.46 | 72 | 13.05 | 8    | 1.44  | 554  | 8     |
| Yes             | 6    | 2      | 2.48  | 28     | 11.57 | 16 | 8     | 69.42 | 34 | 14.05 | 6    | 2.48  | 242  | 8     |
| No              | 2    | 0      | 2.26  | 12     | 14.33 | 60 | 3     | 68.06 | 12 | 13.54 | 1    | 1.81  | 886  | 8     |
| Class           | 6    | 4      | 1.72  | 20     | 8.58  | 16 | 6     | 71.24 | 37 | 15.88 | 6    | 2.58  | 233  | 8     |
|                 | 7    | 9      | 3.21  | 41     | 14.64 | 18 | 8     | 67.14 | 38 | 13.57 | 4    | 1.43  | 280  | 8     |
|                 | 8    | 7      | 2.46  | 48     | 16.84 | 19 | 1     | 67.02 | 32 | 11.23 | 7    | 2.46  | 285  | 8     |
|                 | 9    | 6      | 1.82  | 46     | 13.94 | 22 | 6     | 68.48 | 47 | 14.24 | 5    | 1.52  | 330  | 8     |
cond child in the family (Mean = 0.05, p = 0.011).

From the perspective of learning, the scoring average of social awareness of students with good learning scores and the scoring average of social awareness of grade 6 students was significantly higher than the scoring average of social awareness of grade 6 students (Mean = 0.14, p = 0.01) and (Mean = 0.16), p = 0.001). The scoring average of social awareness of the first child or only child is significantly higher than the scoring average of social awareness of the student who is the second child in the family (Mean = 0.05, p = 0.011). From the perspective of learning, the scoring average of social awareness of students with good learning scores and the average/weak level is statistically lower than the students with excellent academic grades.

| Birth order | First child | 1 | 1.70 | 82 | 13.97 | 39 | 67.63 | 88 | 14.99 | 1 | 1.70 | 587 |
|-------------|-------------|---|------|----|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|------|-----|
| Younger child/ youngest child | 1 | 2.96 | 73 | 13.49 | 37 | 69.13 | 66 | 12.20 | 1 | 2.22 | 504 |
| Learning | Excellent | 1 | 1.56 | 90 | 12.77 | 48 | 68.23 | 10 | 8 | 15.32 | 5 | 2.13 | 705 |
| Good | 1 | 3.23 | 51 | 16.45 | 21 | 68.39 | 32 | 10.32 | 5 | 1.61 | 310 |
| Fair/Weak | 5 | 4.42 | 14 | 12.39 | 78 | 69.03 | 14 | 12.39 | 2 | 1.77 | 113 |

12. The difference in student's average social awareness score according to comparative factors

Table 4 Describes the test results of differences in social awareness in the communication of secondary school students by gender groups, locality, class, work participation, birth order, and learning outcomes.

Table 4: Description of test results for the difference in the scoring average of social awareness of surveyed students.

| No | Factors | N | Mean | SD | Difference | Mean | SE | 95% CI | P |
|----|---------|---|------|---|-----------|------|----|--------|---|
| 1  | Gender* |   |      |   |           |      |    |        |   |
|    | Male    | 593 | 3.39 | 0.53 | -0.17     | 0.03 | -0.23 | 0.10  | 0.51 |
|    | Female  | 535 | 3.56 | 0.52 |           |      |    |        |   |
| 2  | Living* |   |      |   |           |      |    |        |   |
|    | Rural   | 575 | 3.48 | 0.54 | 0.006     | 0.03 | -0.06 | 0.07  | 0.84 |
|    | Urban   | 554 | 3.47 | 0.52 |           |      |    |        |   |
| 3  | Work participation* |   |      |   |           |      |    |        |   |
|    | Yes     | 242 | 3.53 | 0.55 | 0.07      | 0.04 | -0.002 | 0.14  | 0.19 |
|    | No      | 886 | 3.46 | 0.52 |           |      |    |        |   |
| 4  | Class** |   |      |   |           |      |    |        |   |
|    | 6       | 267 | 3.39 | 0.57 | -         | -    | -    | -     | -   |
|    | 7       | 301 | 3.42 | 0.53 | 0.04      | 0.04 | -0.08 | 0.15  | 0.84 |
|    | 8       | 292 | 3.52 | 0.53 | 0.14*     | 0.04 | 0.02  | 0.25  | 0.01 |
|    | 9       | 288 | 3.55 | 0.48 | 0.16*     | 0.04 | 0.05  | 0.28  | 0.001|
| 5  | Birth order* |   |      |   |           |      |    |        |   |
|    | First child | 233 | 3.49 | 0.51 | 0.05      | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0.11  | 0.011|
|    | Younger child/ Youngest child | 280 | 3.45 | 0.55 |           |      |    |        |   |
| 6  | Learning** |   |      |   |           |      |    |        |   |
|    | Excellent | 285 | 3.52 | 0.54 | -         | -    | -    | -     | -   |
|    | Good     | 330 | 3.43 | 0.47 | -0.09*    | 0.03 | -0.17 | -0.004 | 0.04 |
|    | Fair/Weak | 587 | 3.22 | 0.59 | -0.30     | 0.06 | -0.45 | -0.15 | 0.000 |

*□ Verification independent T-test; ** Verification Anova

The scoring average of social awareness of surveyed male students is lower than the scoring average of social awareness of female students (0.17 points), but this difference is not statistically significant (p = 0.51), i.e., social awareness in communication and behavior of male and female students are nearly equal. The social perceptions of students living in rural areas and social awareness of students living in urban areas were similar (p = 0.84). Social awareness of students participating in collective activities is higher than social awareness of students not participating, but the difference is not statistically significant (Mean = 0.07, p = 0.19). By grade level, the social awareness of grade 7 students is slightly higher than that of grade 6 students, but it is not statistically significant (Mean = 0.04, p = 0.84). The scoring average of social awareness of grade 8 and grade 9 students was significantly higher than the scoring average of social awareness of grade 6 students (Mean = 0.14, p = 0.01) and (Mean = 0.16), p = 0.001). From the perspective of learning, the scoring average of social awareness of students with good learning scores and the average/weak level is statistically lower than the students with excellent academic grades.
Correlation between social awareness in student communication and student's style, communication, temperament, and communication learning factors

Table 5 shows the correlation between the scoring average of social awareness of students and the scoring average of the factors: style, communication trends, temperament, and communication learning of students. There is a positive correlation that has a statistically significant, at moderate level (near-tight) between the score average of social awareness and democracy style \((R = 0.67; B = 0.528; p = 0.00)\) and style towards human-being \((R = 0.627; B = 0.524; p = 0.00)\). Work-oriented style \((R = 0.505; B = 0.469; p = 0.00)\) and freestyle \((R = 0.439; B = 0.42; p = 0.00)\) are positively correlated with social awareness in communication at moderate and weak levels. The authoritarian style is a negative correlation with social awareness, but there is not have statistically significant \((R = 0.053; B = -0.05; P = 0.07)\).

The score average of style towards others has a positive correlation with social awareness at moderate level \((R = 0.559; B = 0.600; p = 0.00)\); The score average of introvert style \((R = 0.478; B = 0.376; p = 0.00)\) and towards self-interest \((R = 0.293; B = 0.237; p = 0.00)\) all have a positive correlation that has a statistically significant at the weak level with the score average of social awareness in students' communication meanwhile, the score average of temper was a positive correlation with the social cognitive score, but it is not have statistically significant \((p = 0.171)\).

There is a positive correlation between the score average of learning communicating from others with the score average of social awareness \((R = 0.510; B = 0.445; p = 0.00)\). External factors affecting social awareness are also positively correlated, but at a weak level \((R = 0.398; B = 0.158; p = 0.00)\).

Table 5:- Correlation between awareness level with factors of style, temperment, learning motivation, school pressure.

| Factors                | R      | R^2    | B      | SE of B | p    |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------|
| Communication style    |        |        |        |         |      |
| Unique style           | 0.053  | 0.002  | -0.05  | 0.03    | 0.07 |
| Democratic style       | 0.67   | 0.445  | 0.528  | 0.017   | 0.00 |
| Free style             | 0.439  | 0.193  | 0.42   | 0.025   | 0.00 |
| Style oriented work    | 0.505  | 0.255  | 0.469  | 0.024   | 0.00 |
| Style towards people   | 0.627  | 0.393  | 0.524  | 0.019   | 0.00 |
| Trends in communication|        |        |        |         |      |
| Towards other people in relationships | 0.559  | 0.312  | 0.600  | 0.026   | 0.00 |
| Towards self-interest  | 0.293  | 0.086  | 0.237  | 0.023   | 0.00 |
| The outward            | 0.108  | 0.012  | 0.125  | 0.034   | 0.00 |
| The inward             | 0.478  | 0.228  | 0.376  | 0.020   | 0.00 |
| Temperament            |        |        |        |         |      |
| Impatieness            | 0.040  | 0.002  | 0.047  | 0.034   | 0.171|
| Flexibility            | 0.486  | 0.236  | 0.384  | 0.02    | 0.00 |
| Consideration          | 0.249  | 0.062  | 0.164  | 0.019   | 0.00 |
| Ease                   | 0.485  | 0.235  | 0.407  | 0.022   | 0.00 |
| Study, influence       |        |        |        |         |      |
|                        | 0.261  | 0.445  | 0.022  | 0.00    |      |
| Impact factor          |        |        |        |         |      |
|                        | 0.158  | 0.346  | 0.024  | 0.00    |      |

Multivariate regression correlation of factors related to student's social awareness:

The results of the multivariate linear regression models are presented in Table 6. The factors that are included in the model are Class, Student participation, Learning outcomes and training; Style; Communication trend; Temperament, and learning communication of students. The model explained 67.8% of the variation in social cognitive scores about factors. There is a positive correlation, statistically significant regression between grade 6 students and grades 7, 8, 9, according to the trend that the students in higher classes are the more social awareness in communication
than students in lower classes. Meanwhile, the factors of participation in collective work or correlated learning results are not statistically significant.

Among communication styles, democratic style has the highest regression correlation: 0.219 [95% CI 0.1181 - 0.256]; next is the style towards people 0.128 [95% CI 0.106 - 0.183]; work-oriented style 0.111 [95% CI 0.076 - 0.152] and free communication style 0.069 [95% CI 0.031- 0.107]. Autocratic communication style has a contrast but weak - 0.049 [95% CI -0.090 - (- 0.009)].

The trend of communication towards other people has higher regression correlation among the considered trends 0.131 [95% CI 0.084-0.179]; next is the correlation between introverted tendency with social awareness 0.084 [95% CI 0.046-1.114]; Finally, the correlation between the trend towards self-interest and social awareness 0.074 [95% CI 0.041-0.106]. The extroverted trend is backward correlated, but not statistically significant (p = 0.281), which is very low predictability.

The two types of temperament are calm and flexible, which have regression correlation with social awareness equivalent to 0.073 [95% CI 0.039- 0.107] and 0.072 [95% CI 0.039- 0.105]; Concerned temperament is positively correlated and hot temperament is inversely related to social awareness, but both correlations are not statistically significant. Learning to communicate from others is also positively correlated with the student’s social awareness of 0.085 [95% CI 0.048- 0.122].

Table 6: Multivariate linear regression model of factors related to students’ social awareness.

| No | Factors                        | B     | SE    | 95%CI of B         | p       |
|----|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| 1  | Class                          |       |       |                    |         |
| 2  | Participation                  |       |       |                    |         |
| 3  | Learning                       |       |       |                    |         |
| 4  | Unique style                   |       |       |                    |         |
| 5  | Democratic style               |       |       |                    |         |
| 6  | Free style                     |       |       |                    |         |
| 7  | Style oriented work            |       |       |                    |         |
| 8  | Style towards people           |       |       |                    |         |
| 9  | Towards other people in relations |     |       |                    |         |
| 10 | Towards self-interest          |       |       |                    |         |
| 11 | The outward                    |       |       |                    |         |
| 12 | The inward                     |       |       |                    |         |
| 13 | Impatieness                    |       |       |                    |         |
| 14 | Flexibility                    |       |       |                    |         |
| 15 | Consideration                  |       |       |                    |         |
| 16 | Ease                           |       |       |                    |         |
| 17 | Learning to communicate from others |     |       |                    |         |

R=0.826; R² =0.683; R² adj= 0.678; F = 135.286; P<0.001; B0 = 0.439

Discussion:-
The survey of social awareness in communication on 1128 students from grades 6 to 9 of 10 secondary schools in 5 provinces/cities in Vietnam, giving average scores on social awareness of surveyed students achieved an average level of a 5-step scale. Of these, 16.04% have a low awareness (levels 1 and 2), 68.35% on average, and 15.60% on high (levels 4 and 5). Outstanding points in the social awareness of surveyed students are aware of social situations and regulations in communication; awareness of yourself in communication, about the role of
Social awareness of secondary school students has statistical differences with an increasing tendency by grade 6 to grade 9. Social awareness of students, who are the first child or only child higher than social awareness of students who are the second child in the family. Students with good academic scores have higher social awareness in communication than other student groups.

There is a linear regression correlation, forming predictive models that enhance the social awareness of the curriculum in communication. Including models affecting perceptions of democratic style, towards people, oriented work, and freestyle of students in communication; tendency towards others; introversion and self-interest. Besides, calm and flexible temperament are predictive models that impact students' social awareness.

Besides, low academic achievement, authoritarian style of communication, outward tendencies, or impulsive temperament are also expected to have an adverse impact on social awareness in student communication, but the forecast is not high.

**Conclusion:**
Social awareness of students in communication is expressed through awareness of others in communication, awareness of oneself, about others, about situations and social regulations in communication, role awareness of relationships, communication in life and understanding of way, and communication skills are the basis of students' social intelligence.

The results of the study have determined the level of social awareness of the student as well as its manifestations. It also identifies models that predict the impact of communication style, communication trends, and temperament of the student as well as communication learning from others on social awareness of students. The predictive correlation models discovered in the study are useful suggestions for parents, teachers, and students in improving the quality of establishing positive social relationships in the communication of students through improving their social understanding. The study also recommends to a certain extent the reduction of students' authoritarian style, temper, or consideration temperament, which negatively affects their social awareness.

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