**PERSONALITY TRAITS AND ORAL PRESENTATION ANXIETY AMONG ESL LEARNERS**

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**Abstract**

Oral presentation skills are regarded as one of the most essential skills for higher education and future career development. However, many students experienced oral communication apprehension when delivering oral presentations in class. Second language scholars believed that there are many factors that could influence oral presentation anxiety. In view of this, the present study intends to investigate the role of five broad personality traits namely Extraversion, Agreeableness, Openness, Conscientiousness and Neuroticism and their relationship with Oral Presentation Anxiety. A descriptive-correlational research design was employed to investigate these relationships. Using a simple random sampling method, a total of 97 Communicative English 1 (DUE10012) students from Politeknik Sultan Idris Shah were selected as the respondents of the study. They were asked to answer a set of questionnaires which consists 55 items of adapted Big Five Inventory by Goldberg (1993) and Oral Presentation Anxiety by Razawi, Zulkornain, & Mohd Razlan (2019). Findings from the quantitative data indicated that there was a negatively significant relationship between extraversion and oral presentation anxiety level. Further, there was a positively significant relationship between neuroticism and oral presentation anxiety level. Whereas, there was no significant relationship between agreeableness, consciousness, openness and oral presentation anxiety level.

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