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#### INTRODUCTION

Anxiety is an uncomfortable feeling of nervousness or worry about something that is happening or might happen in future. People face various types of anxieties in their whole lifetime. Anxiety, also called angst, is a psychological and physiological state characterized by somatic, emotional, cognitive and behavioural components. Anxiety is a generalized mood condition that can often occur without an identifiable triggering stimulus. Also, it is a future-oriented mood state in which one is ready or prepared to attempt to cope with upcoming negative events.

Mathematics anxiety is defined as a feeling of tension and apprehension that interferes with maths performance ability, the manipulation of numbers and the solving of mathematical problems in a wide variety of ordinary life and academic situations. According to Olango, maths anxiety consists of an affective, behavioural and cognitive response to situations involving mathematics. Maths anxiety may occur in all levels of education from primary school to university education. According to the American Psychological Association, Mathematical anxiety is often linked to testing anxiety. This anxiety can cause distress and likely causes a dislike and avoidance of all math-related tasks. Ashcraft (2002) suggests that highly anxious math students will avoid situations in which they have to perform mathematical tasks. Unfortunately, math avoidance results in less competency, exposure, and math practice, leaving students more anxious and mathematically unprepared to achieve.

There are various signs and symbols which lead towards anxiety, but some of the common characteristics of anxiety are feeling nervous, tense, worried, having a sense of upcoming danger, panic, having an increased heart rate, sweating, trembling, trouble concentrating, feeling weak and tired, trouble in sleeping, difficulty in controlling the worry situation, shortness of breath, numbness, cold or sweaty





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