

ABSTRACT

The topic for our research is about the “Perception of UiTM students toward hysteria which is UiTM Campus Samarahan as a scope of study. The main purpose of this research is to determine what are the contributing factor of the existence of hysteria that is happen in UiTM Campus Samarahan instead of to suggest on how to overcome the phenomena of hysteria and also the effects of hysteria towards student performance.

In the chapter 1, it’s about the introduction where by it include the background of the study, problem statement, the objectives of study, scope of study, significant of the study, limitation of our project paper studies. In the other words, in this chapter we will discuss about the overall of our research studies where by as to introduce to the people as what is hysteria all about.

For the chapter 2, this is focusing on the Literature Review. Where by, there is the definition of hysteria, current theories and practices, history of hysteria through Christian perception in ancient, factor of hysteria, effect of hysteria and also the relationship of hysteria toward student performance. Meaning to say here, in this chapter we will expose to the people and also will elaborate the information of Hysteria from wide to smaller scope.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND OF STUDY

Paranormal¹ is a general term that designates experiences that lie outside “the range of normal experience or scientific explanation”² , or which indicates phenomena understood to be outside of science’s current ability to explain or measure.³

Paranormal phenomena are distinct from certain hypothetical entities, such as dark matter and dark energy, insofar as paranormal phenomena are inconsistent with the world as already understood through empirical observation coupled with scientific methodology.

By definition, a ghost is a manifestation of the spirit or soul of a deceased person⁴. Alternative theories expand on that idea and include belief in the ghosts of deceased animals. Sometimes the term "ghost" is used synonymously with any spirit or demon, however in popular usage the term typically refers to a deceased person.

The belief in ghosts as souls of the departed is closely tied to the concept of animism, an ancient belief which attributed souls to everything in nature. As the

¹ "Paranormal". *Dictionary.com*. Ask.com.

²Paranormal in *TheFreeDictionary*, Accessed February 3, 2008

³"What does 'Paranormal' mean? by Christopher Orapello, Mid-Atlantic Paranormal Research, Accessed November 23, 2008

⁴ http://www.parapsych.org/glossary_e_k.html#g Parapsychological Association, glossary of key words frequently used in parapsychology, Retrieved December 13, 2006

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

DEFINITION OF HYSTERIA

Hysteria can be described as a state of mind, an unmanageable fear or emotional excesses. The fear is often caused by multiple events in one's past that involved some sort of severe conflict, the fear can be centered on a body part or most commonly on an imagined problem with that body part. People who have hysteria often lose self-control due to the overwhelming fear.

The origin of the term *hysteria* is commonly attributed to Hippocrates, even though the term isn't used in the writings that are collectively known as the Hippocratic corpus. The Hippocratic corpus refers to a variety of illness symptoms, such as suffocation and Heracles' disease, that are caused by the movement of a woman's uterus to various locations within her body when it has become light and dry due to a lack of bodily fluids. One passage recommends pregnancy to cure such symptoms, ostensibly because intercourse will "moisten" the womb and facilitate blood circulation within the body.⁵

Hysteria referred to a medical condition, thought to be particular to women, caused by disturbances of the uterus. The same general definition, or under the name female hysteria, came into use in the middle and late 19th century to describe what is today generally considered to be sexual dysfunction. Typical treatment was massage of

⁵ King, Helen (1993). "Once upon a text: Hysteria from Hippocrates". *Hysteria beyond Freud*