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LOCALITY, PARENTAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND AND MORAL  
BEHAVIOUR AMONG ADOLESCENTS IN SOUTH EAST NIGERIA

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**ABSTRACT**

The study investigated influence of locality and parental socio-economic background on moral behaviour among adolescents in the south eastern Nigeria. 176 adolescents 91 males and 85 females selected from four secondary schools, two from urban and rural areas each. The participants were within the age bracket of 12-17 year with a mean age of 15 years. Ethical moral self inventory fits (1965) was used for data collection. 2x2 factorial design was adopted based on two independent variables locality (urban and rural) and parental socio-economic (low and high) with two levels each. Two way ANOVA statistics was used for data analysis. Finding revealed a significant influence of locality on moral behaviour among adolescences.  $F, (1, 172) = 64.02 P < .01$ ; A significant influence of parental socio-economic background on moral behaviour  $F, (1, 172) = 172.09 P < .01$ . No interaction effect was observed  $F, (1, 172) = 3.73 P > .05$ . Findings were discussed in relation with the literature reviewed and recommendations were also made.

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