

## ABSTRACT

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The goal of this research is to determine the effect of self-esteem to marital satisfaction and function of the effectiveness of interpersonal communication as a moderator between self-esteem and marital satisfaction. This study included 182 participants who are married to non-experimental quantitative approach. The results indicate self-esteem has an influence on marital satisfaction, and effectiveness of interpersonal communication serves as a moderator between self-esteem and marital satisfaction. Participants who have effectiveness of interpersonal communication indicate high self-esteem which makes the participants feel satisfied with their marriage. Meanwhile, participants who do not have the effectiveness of interpersonal communication indicate low self-esteem that makes the participants do not feel satisfied with their marriage. According to linear regression analysis, high self-esteem makes the participants feel their partners have a healthy physical and psychological condition, their partners are willing to listen and react to their feelings, satisfy their physical needs (sexual) and affection from their partners.

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