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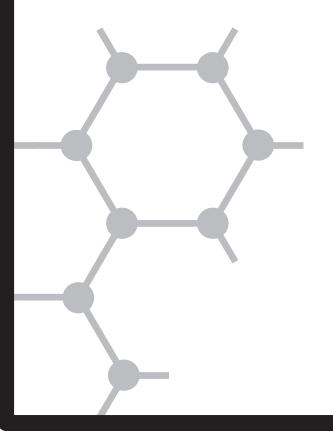
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Student Questionnaire

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<Grade 8>

General Directions

In this booklet, you will find questions about yourself. Some questions ask for facts while other questions ask for your opinions.

Read each question carefully and respond as accurately as possible. You may ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to respond.

Some of the questions will be followed by a few possible choices indicated with a circle with a number in it. For these questions, shade in the circle with the response of your choice as shown in Examples 1, 2, and 3.

Example 1

Do you go to school?

Fill in one circle only

Yes	 	 	 	 	 	•
Nο	 	 	 	 	 	. (2)

Example 2

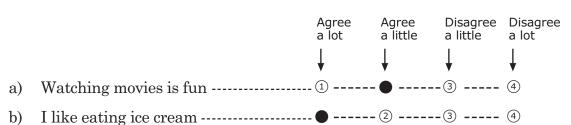
How often do you do these things?

		Every day	At least once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
a)	I listen to music	1	-2		4	- (5)
b)	I talk with my friends		-2	-3	4	- (5)
c)	I play sports	. 1	- •	-3	4	- (5)

Example 3

Indicate how much you agree with each of these statements.

Fill in one circle for each line



Read each question carefully, and pick the answer you think is best. Fill in the circle next to or below your answer. If you decide to change your answer, erase your first answer and then fill in the circle next to or under your new answer. Ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer.

Thank you for your time, effort, and thought in completing this questionnaire.

About You

1

When were you born?

A. Fill in the circle next to the year you were born

Year

- ① 1985
- 2 1986
- 3 1987
- 4 1988
- ⑤ 1989
- 6 1990
- ⑦ 1991
- ® 1992
- 9 Other

B. Fill in the circle next to the month you were born

Month

- 1 January
- ² February
- 3 March
- 4 April
- ^⑤ May
- 6 June
- 7 July
- August
- September
- 1® October
- 11 November
- 12 December

2

Are you a girl or a boy?

Fill in one circle only

Girl ----- ①

Boy ----- ②

How often do you speak <language of test> at home?

Fill in **one** circle only

Always ①)
Almost always ②)
Sometimes 3)
Never)

4

About how many books are there in your home? (Do not count magazines, newspapers, or your school books.)

Fill in **one** circle only

None or very few (0-10 books) ①
Enough to fill one shelf (11-25 books)
Enough to fill one bookcase (26-100 books) 3
Enough to fill two bookcases (101-200 books)
Enough to fill three or more bookcases (more than 200 books)5

About You (Continued)

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Do you have any of these items at your home?

		Yes	No
		↓	¥
a)	Calculator	- 1)	- ②
b)	Computer (do not include PlayStation®, GameCube®, XBox®, or other TV/video game computers)	- ① -	- 2
c)	Study desk/table for your use	- 1	- 2
d)	Dictionary	- ①	2
e)	<country-specific></country-specific>	- ①	2
f)	<pre><country-specific></country-specific></pre>	_ (1)	- 2
g)	<pre><country-specific></country-specific></pre>	- 1	2
h)	<pre><country-specific></country-specific></pre>	- 1	2
i)	<pre><country-specific></country-specific></pre>	- 1	2
j)	<pre><country-specific></country-specific></pre>	<u> </u>	- 2
k)	<pre><country-specific></country-specific></pre>	<u> </u>	2
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m)	<pre><country-specific></country-specific></pre>	<u> </u>	2
n)	<country-specific></country-specific>	- 1	2
o)	<country-specific></country-specific>	- 1	- 2
p)	<country-specific></country-specific>	- 1)	2

A. What is the highest level of education completed by your mother (or stepmother or female guardian)?

Fill in **one** circle only

Did not finish <isced 1=""> or did not go to school</isced>	(1)
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<isced 3=""></isced>	4
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Beyond <isced 5a,="" degree="" first=""></isced>	8
I don't know	9

B. What is the highest level of education completed by your father (or stepfather or male guardian)?

Fill in **one** circle only

Did not finish <isced 1=""> or did not go to school</isced>	(1)
<isced 1=""></isced>	②
<isced 2=""></isced>	③
<isced 3=""></isced>	4
<isced 4b=""></isced>	(5)
<isced 5b=""></isced>	6
<isced 5a,="" degree="" first=""></isced>	7
Beyond <isced 5a,="" degree="" first=""></isced>	8
I don't know	(9)

About You (Cont.)

7

How far in school do you expect to go?

Fill in **one** circle only

Finish <isced 3=""> ①</isced>	
Finish <isced 4b=""> ②</isced>	
Finish <isced 5b=""> 3</isced>	
Finish <isced 5a,="" degree="" first=""></isced>	
Beyond <isced 5a,="" degree="" first=""> ⑤</isced>	
I don't know	

Mathematics in School

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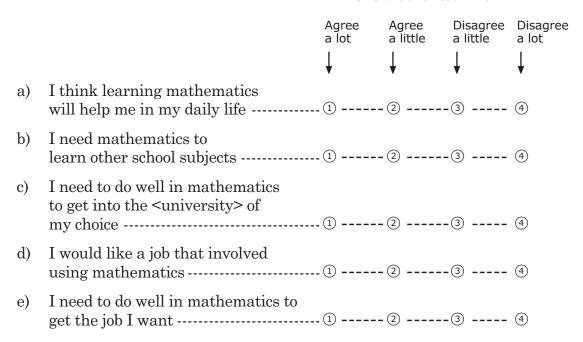
How much do you agree with these statements about learning mathematics?

Fill in one circle for each line Agree Agree Disagree Disagree a lot a little a little a lot I usually do well in mathematics ----- ② ----- ③ ----- ④ a) b) I would like to take more mathematics in school ------ ① ----- ② ----- ③ ----- ④ Mathematics is more difficult for me than for many of my classmates ----- ② ----- ③ ----- ④ I enjoy learning mathematics ------ ① ----- ② ----- ③ ----- ④ d) Sometimes, when I do not initially e) understand a new topic in mathematics, I know that I will never really understand it ------ ① ----- ② ----- ③ ----- ④ f) Mathematics is not one of my strengths------(3) -----(4) I learn things quickly in mathematics ① ----- ② ----- ③ ----- ④

Mathematics in School (Cont.)

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How much do you agree with these statements about mathematics?



How often do you do these things in your mathematics lessons?

		Every or almost every lesson	About half the lessons	Some lessons	Never
a)	We practice adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing without using a calculator	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4
b)	We work on fractions and decimals	<u> </u>	- 2	-3	4
c)	We interpret data in tables, charts, or graphs	<u>.</u> (1)	-2	-3	4
d)	We write equations and functions to represent relationships	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
e)	We work together in small groups	- 1	- ②	-3	4
f)	We relate what we are learning in mathematics to our daily lives	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
g)	We explain our answers	- 1	- ②	-3	4
h)	We decide on our own procedures for solving complex problems	- ①	-2	-3	4
i)	We review our homework	- 1	-2	-3	4
j)	We listen to the teacher give a lecture-style presentation	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
k)	We work problems on our own	- 1	- ②	-3	4
1)	We begin our homework in class	- 1	- ②	-3	4
m)	We have a quiz or test	- 1	- ②	-3	4
n)	We use calculators	- 1	- ②	-3	4

Biology in School

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Are you studying biology in school this year?



If **No**, please go to question **15**

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How much do you agree with these statements about learning biology?

		Agree a lot	Agree a little		Disagree a lot
a)	I usually do well in biology	1	-2	-3	4
b)	I would like to take more biology in school	(1)	- ②	-3	4
c)	Biology is more difficult for me than for many of my classmates	. ①	-2	-3	4
d)	I enjoy learning biology	. 1	- 2	-3	4
e)	Sometimes, when I do not initially understand a new topic in biology, I know that I will never really understand it	(1)	-②	-3	4
f)	Biology is not one of my strengths	1	-2	-3	4
g)	I learn things quickly in biology	(1)	-2	-3	4

How much do you agree with these statements about biology?

		Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	
a)	I think learning biology will help me in my daily life	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
b)	I need biology to learn other school subjects	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4
c)	I need to do well in biology to get into the <university> of my choice</university>	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4
d)	I would like a job that involved using biology	<u> </u>	-2	-3	4
e)	I need to do well in biology to get the job I want	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4

Biology in School (Cont.)

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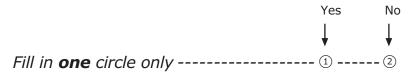
How often do you do these things in your biology lessons?

		Every or almost every lesson	About half the lessons	Some lessons	Never
a)	We watch the teacher demonstrate an experiment or investigation	_ (1)	- 2	-3	4
b)	We formulate hypotheses or predictions to be tested	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
c)	We design or plan an experiment or investigation	_ ①	-2	-3	4
d)	We conduct an experiment or investigation	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
e)	We work in small groups on an experiment or investigation	. ①	-2	-3	4
f)	We write explanations about what was observed and why it happened	_ ①	- 2	-3	4
g)	We study the impact of technology on society	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
h)	We relate what we are learning in biology to our daily lives	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
i)	We present our work to the class	1	2	-3	4
j)	We review our homework	1	2	-3	4
k)	We listen to the teacher give a lecture-style presentation	_ ①	-2	-3	4
1)	We work problems on our own	1	2	-3	4
m)	We begin our homework in class	_(1)	2	-3	4
n)	We have a quiz or test	<u> </u>	2	-3	4

Earth Science in School

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Are you studying earth science in school this year?



If **No**, please go to question **19**

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How much do you agree with these statements about learning earth science?

Fill in one circle for each line

		Tim in one circle for each inte			
				Disagree a little	
a)	I usually do well in earth science	- ①	2	-3	4
b)	I would like to take more earth science in school	_ (1)	2	-3	4
c)	Earth science is more difficult for me than for many of my classmates	- 1)	2	-3	4
d)	I enjoy learning earth science	- 1	2	-3	4
e)	Sometimes, when I do not initially understand a new topic in earth science, I know that I will never really understand it	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4
f)	Earth science is not one of my strengths	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4

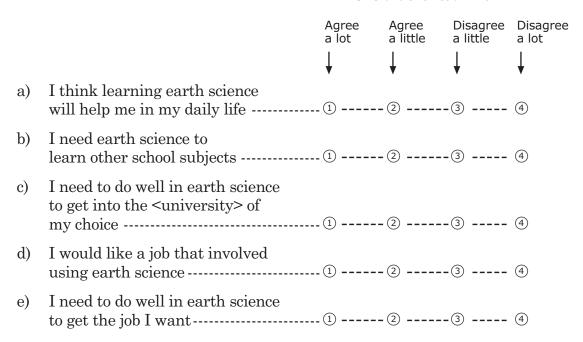
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I learn things quickly

Earth Science in School (Cont.)

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How much do you agree with these statements about earth science?



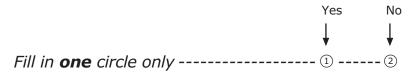
How often do you do these things in your earth science lessons?

		Every or almost every lesson	About half the lessons	Some lessons	Never
a)	We watch the teacher demonstrate an experiment or investigation	_ (1)	- 2	-3	4
b)	We formulate hypotheses or predictions to be tested	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
c)	We design or plan an experiment or investigation	_ ①	-2	-3	4
d)	We conduct an experiment or investigation	_ ①	-2	-3	4
e)	We work in small groups on an experiment or investigation	. 1)	-2	-3	4
f)	We write explanations about what was observed and why it happened	. 1)	-2	-3	4
g)	We study the impact of technology on society	. 1)	-2	-3	4
h)	We relate what we are learning in earth science to our daily lives	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
i)	We present our work to the class	1	2	-3	4
j)	We review our homework	_ (1)	2	-3	4
k)	We listen to the teacher give a lecture-style presentation	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4
1)	We work problems on our own	_ (1)	2	-3	4
m)	We begin our homework in class	1	2	-3	4
n)	We have a quiz or test	1	2	-3	4

Chemistry in School

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Are you studying chemistry in school this year?



If **No**, please go to question **23** ■

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How much do you agree with these statements about learning chemistry?

		Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a)	I usually do well in chemistry	_ ①	2	-3	4
b)	I would like to take more chemistry in school	- ①	- 2	-3	4
c)	Chemistry is more difficult for me than for many of my classmates	- ①	- 2	-3	4
d)	I enjoy learning chemistry	_ ①	2	-3	4
e)	Sometimes, when I do not initially understand a new topic in chemistry, I know that I will never really understand it	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4
f)	Chemistry is not one of my strengths	- ①	-2	-3	4
g)	I learn things quickly in chemistry	_ (1)	2	-3	4

How much do you agree with these statements about chemistry?

		Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	
a)	I think learning chemistry will help me in my daily life	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4
b)	I need chemistry to learn other school subjects	_ (1)	- 2	-3	4
c)	I need to do well in chemistry to get into the <university> of my choice</university>	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4
d)	I would like a job that involved using chemistry	. 1)	-2	-3	4
e)	I need to do well in chemistry to get the job I want	. 1)	-2	-3	4

Chemistry in School (Cont.)

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How often do you do these things in your chemistry lessons?

		Every or almost every lesson	About half the lessons	Some lessons	Never
a)	We watch the teacher demonstrate an experiment or investigation	_(1)	- ②	-3	4
b)	We formulate hypotheses or predictions to be tested	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
c)	We design or plan an experiment or investigation	_ ①	-2	-3	4
d)	We conduct an experiment or investigation	. ①	-2	-3	4
e)	We work in small groups on an experiment or investigation	<u> </u>	- 2	-3	4
f)	We write explanations about what was observed and why it happened	_ ①	- 2	-3	4
g)	We study the impact of technology on society	_ ①	- 2	-3	4
h)	We relate what we are learning in chemistry to our daily lives	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
i)	We present our work to the class	1	2	-3	4
j)	We review our homework	1	2	-3	4
k)	We listen to the teacher give a lecture-style presentation	_ ①	-2	-3	4
1)	We work problems on our own	1	2	-3	4
m)	We begin our homework in class	1	2	-3	4
n)	We have a quiz or test	- 1	- ②	-3	4

Physics in School

23.

Are you studying physics in school this year?



If **No**, please go to question **27**

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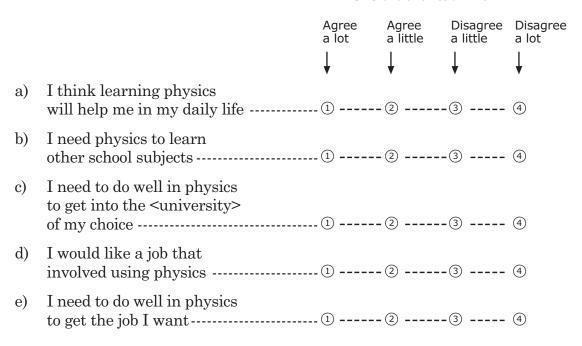
How much do you agree with these statements about learning physics?

		Agree a lot			Disagree a lot
a)	I usually do well in physics	1	- 2	-3	4
b)	I would like to take more physics in school	. 1	- ②	-3	4
c)	Physics is more difficult for me than for many of my classmates	. 1	- ②	-3	(4)
d)	I enjoy learning physics	1	- 2	-3	4
e)	Sometimes, when I do not initially understand a new topic in physics, I know that I will never really understand it	. 1	- ②	-3	4
f)	Physics is not one of my strengths	1	- 2	-3	4
g)	I learn things quickly in physics	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4

Physics in School (Cont.)

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How much do you agree with these statements about physics?



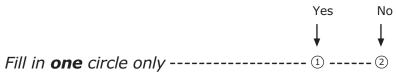
How often do you do these things in your physics lessons?

		Every or almost every lesson	About half the lessons	Some lessons	Never
a)	We watch the teacher demonstrate an experiment or investigation	_ (1)	- 2	-3	4
b)	We formulate hypotheses or predictions to be tested	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
c)	We design or plan an experiment or investigation	_ ①	-2	-3	4
d)	We conduct an experiment or investigation	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
e)	We work in small groups on an experiment or investigation	- 1)	-2	-3	4
f)	We write explanations about what was observed and why it happened	<u> </u>	- 2	-3	4
g)	We study the impact of technology on society	<u> </u>	- 2	-3	4
h)	We relate what we are learning in physics to our daily lives	_ (1)	-2	-3	4
i)	We present our work to the class	- 1)	2	-3	4
j)	We review our homework	_ ①	2	-3	4
k)	We listen to the teacher give a lecture-style presentation	_ (1)	- ②	-3	4
1)	We work problems on our own	- 1	2	-3	4
m)	We begin our homework in class	_ (1)	2	-3	4
n)	We have a quiz or test	- 1	2	-3	4

Computers

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A. Do you ever use a computer? (Do not include PlayStation®, GameCube®, XBox®, or other TV/video game computers).



If **No**, please go to question **28**

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B. Where do you use a computer?

		Yes	No
		↓	↓
a)	At home	1	2
b)	At school	1	2
c)	At a library	1	2
d)	At a friend's home	1	2
e)	At an Internet café	1	2
f)	Elsewhere	(1)	(2)

27 continued

C. How often do you do these things with a computer?

		Every day	At least once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
		↓	↓	↓	↓	\downarrow
a)	I look up ideas and information for mathematics	- 1)	- 2	-3	4	. (5)
b)	I look up ideas and information for biology	<u> </u>	- ②	-3	4	. (5)
c)	I look up ideas and information for earth science	- 1)	- 2	-3	4	. (5)
d)	I look up ideas and information for chemistry	_ (1)	- 2	-3	4	. (5)
e)	I look up ideas and information for physics	_ (1)	- 2	-3	4	. (5)
f)	I write reports for school	- 1	- ②	-3	4	. (5)
g)	I process and analyze data	- 1	- 2	-3	4	. (5)

Your School

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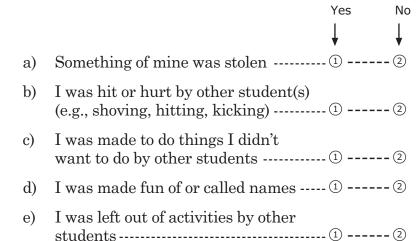
How much do you agree with these statements about your school?

Fill in one circle for each line

		Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a)	I like being in school	_ (1)	2	-3	4
b)	I think that students in my school try to do their best	_(1)	2	-3	4
c)	I think that teachers in my school care about the students	_(1)	2	-3	4
d)	I think that teachers in my school want students to do their best	_(1)	2	-3	4

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In school, did any of these things happen during the last month?



Things You Do Outside of School

30

On a normal school day, how much time do you spend before or after school doing each of these things?

Fill in one circle for each line

		No time	Less than 1 hour	1-2 hours	More than 2 but less than 4 hours	4 or more hours
		↓	ļ	ţ	↓	↓
a)	I watch television and videos	1	- ②	-3	4	5
b)	I play computer games	1	- ②	-3	4	5
c)	I play or talk with friends	①	- ②	-3	4	5
d)	I do jobs at home	1	- ②	-3	4	5
e)	I work at a paid job	1	- 2	-3	4	5
f)	I play sports	①	- ②	-3	4	5
g)	I read a book for enjoyment	1	- ②	-3	4	5
h)	I use the internet	①	- ②	-3	4	5
i)	I do homework	①	- ②	-3	4	5

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During this school year, how often have you had extra lessons or tutoring that is not part of your regular class in each of the following subjects?

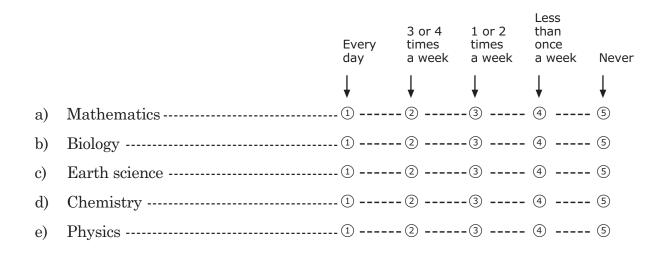
		Every or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Some- times	Never or almost never
		ţ	↓	↓	↓
a)	Mathematics	1	2	3	4
b)	Biology	1	2	3	4
c)	Earth science	1	2	-3	4
d)	Chemistry	1	2	-3	4
e)	Physics	1	2	-3	4

...Outside of School (Cont.)

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A. How often does your teacher give you homework in each of the following subjects?

Fill in one circle for each line



B. When your teacher gives you homework in each of the following subjects, about how many minutes are you usually given?

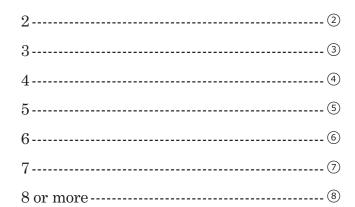
		Fewer than 15 minutes	15-30 minutes	31-60 minutes	61-90 minutes	More than 90 minutes
		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
a)	Mathematics	1	- 2	-3	4	(5)
b)	Biology	<u> </u>	- 2	-3	4	(5)
c)	Earth science	1	2	-3	4	(5)
d)	Chemistry	1	- 2	-3	4	5
e)	Physics	1	2	-3	4	(5)

More About You

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Including yourself, how many people live in your home?

Fill in one circle only

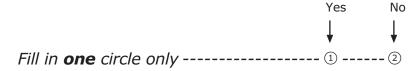


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A. Was your mother (or stepmother or female guardian) born in <country>?



B. Was your father (or stepfather or male guardian) born in <country>?



More About You (Cont.)

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A. Were you born in <country>?



If **Yes**, you have completed the questionnaire



B. If you were not born in <country>, how old were you when you came to <country>?

Fill in **one** circle only

- Older than 10 years old ----- ①
 5 to 10 years old ----- ②
- Younger than 5 years old ----- 3

Thank You

for completing this questionnaire



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