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**ABSTRACT**

In 1965 the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) inaugurated a cross-national survey of achievement in six subjects: Science, Reading Comprehension, Literature, English as a Foreign Language, French as a Foreign Language, and Civic Education. The overall aim of the project was to use international tests in order to relate student achievement and attitudes to instructional, social, and economic factors, and from the results to establish generalizations of value to policy makers worldwide. Contained here are two questionnaires which survey information regarding the student and his study of English and the students' outside interests and activities for students in populations II, IV. Population II consists of students aged 14 to 15 years; population IV, those students enrolled in the final year of pre-university training. (PC)

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Instrument Name Questions About Learning English

Data Bank Instrument Number Q6E1

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Pop II, p. 36

Pop IV, p. 33

Booklet 37 for Pop IV, booklet 49, contains a number of questions about your and your study of English. It is not a test. You are to answer the questions in this section as accurately as you can. You will record your answers to the questions in this section on answer card 20 in section A. As before, you will indicate your answers by blackening in the oval that corresponds to the answer you choose.

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English as a Foreign LanguageSection 1: QUESTIONS ABOUT LEARNING ENGLISH

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These questions are being given to a number of children in several countries to find out what they think about English and the part it plays in their lives. This is NOT a test, because there are no right or wrong answers. We just want to know how you feel about learning English and about the ways in which you are learning it.

When you are told to do so, work through the questions, indicating the answers you want to give by blackening in the appropriate space on your answer card. If you want to change an answer you have given, you may, but be sure to erase the mark for the old answer completely.

For each of these questions, select the answer which is true for you, and indicate it by blackening in the appropriate space on your answer card.

1. The marks I get in English are usually
  - A. better than in most other subjects.
  - B. about average compared with other subjects.
  - C. worse than in most other subjects.
  
2. I like English
  - A. more than most other subjects.
  - B. about the same as other subjects.
  - C. less than most other subjects.
  
3. I would like to study English after the end of this school year.
  - A. yes
  - B. not sure
  - C. no
  
4. English gets more interesting all the time.
  - A. yes
  - B. not sure
  - C. no
  
5. I would like to be able to speak more languages than (Mother Tongue).
  - A. yes
  - B. not sure
  - C. no

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6. I hope that in my career I will be able to make some use of the English I learned at school.
- A. yes
  - B. not sure
  - C. no
7. I cannot profit from learning English because it is too difficult for me.
- A. yes
  - B. not sure
  - C. no
8. I think that everyone would benefit from learning English.
- A. yes
  - B. not sure
  - C. no
9. There are many subjects more important to learn at school than English.
- A. yes
  - B. not sure
  - C. no
10. It is important to learn English while still at school.
- A. yes
  - B. not sure
  - C. no

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Below is a list of things you may do outside school. Look at each one, and if it is something you do very often or used to do very often, blacken in space A on your answer card. If you do it sometimes, blacken in space B. If you rarely do it or have never done it, blacken in space C.

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11. Read English newspapers or magazines.
  - A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never
  
12. Listen to English language radio programs or watch English language films or English language TV programs.
  - A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never
  
13. Talk with English speaking children or adults.
  - A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never
  
14. Correspond in English with a pen pal.
  - A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never
  
15. Attend meetings of English language societies or other English language cultural organizations.
  - A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never
  
16. Have visited an English speaking country.
  - A. more than a month
  - B. one month or less

The following are activities which people learning English may carry out in the classroom. Look at each statement. If the statement refers to an activity you carry out often, blacken in space A; if you do it sometimes, blacken in space B. If you do it rarely or never, blacken in space C on your answer card.

17. Speaking English to the teacher
- A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never
18. Speaking in (name of Mother Tongue).
- A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never
19. Listening to the teacher speaking in (name of Mother Tongue).
- A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never
20. Listening to records, radio, or F.V. programs or films in the English language.
- A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never
21. Repeating taped, filmed, or broadcast oral exercises in English.
- A. often
  - B. sometimes
  - C. rarely or never

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22. Writing exercises in English.

- A. often
- B. sometimes
- C. rarely or never

23. Translating from or into English.

- A. often
- B. sometimes
- C. rarely or never

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24. Writing essays in English.

- A. often
- B. sometimes
- C. rarely or never

25. Reading of short passages in English for detailed study.

- A. often
- B. sometimes
- C. rarely or never

26. Reading English for pleasure.

- A. often
- B. sometimes
- C. rarely or never

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QUESTIONNAIRES

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GENERAL NOTES

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7. In order to secure the most accurate information to questionnaire items, countries may wish to consider assigning several of the items as "home tasks" for the student. Students would be asked to find out the answer to several of the items in preparation for completing the questionnaire. Such items which could profitably be assigned as "home tasks" include: Father's Occupation and Father's and Mother's Education.
8. In a number of countries, students will require some guidance from teachers in answering questionnaire items. Such guidance is appropriate and desirable. It is quite possible that, in some situations, teachers will read questionnaire items aloud, discuss points of clarification, allow time for students to supply an answer and proceed to the next item. Such a step by step approach to the completion of the student questionnaire may be necessary at the 10-year-old level in various countries where students have had little or no experience with questionnaires. Where students may be expected to give the same answer (e.g., number of students in class, grade student is in, etc.) the best procedure is for the teacher to supply the answer and get all students to enter it in. It is, of course, clear that no help will be given to students when answering the tests (as opposed to the questionnaires).
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Pop IV, p. 33

The questions in this section deal with some of your interests and outside activities. It is not a test. In answering the questions, choose the answer that suits you best and mark your choice in section V on the answer card. Are there any questions?

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English as a Foreign LanguageSection 2: ENGLISH STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Indicate if you have subjects other than English in which the language of instruction is English.
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  
2. Indicate if your father ever studied English.
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Do not know
  
3. Indicate if your mother ever studied English.
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Do not know
  
4. Indicate how your parents feel about your studying English.
  - A. I don't know about their feelings, or I can't answer this question
  - B. They are not favorable to it
  - C. They don't care either way
  - D. They are favorable to it
  
5. Indicate if your parents ever help you with your English homework.
  - A. Often
  - B. Occasionally
  - C. Rarely or never

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Questions 6-17 consist of a series of statements about the study of English. For each statement, indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, are uncertain, disagree, or strongly disagree with it.

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	A	B	C	D	E
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly disagree
6. Studying English may someday help me to get a good job.....	A	B	C	D	E
7. I need to study English because a foreign language is required in the school curriculum or to be admitted to a higher school..	A	B	C	D	E
8. I need to study English because it is used in school in the higher grades.....	A	B	C	D	E
9. I need to study English in order to read books, newspapers, or magazines that I want to read.....	A	B	C	D	E
10. Studying English will help me if I need to study another foreign language later on.....	A	B	C	D	E
11. Studying English will allow me to make friends more easily with English-speaking people....	A	B	C	D	E
12. Studying English will enable me to meet, talk, or correspond with a greater variety of people.....	A	B	C	D	E
13. One is well educated only if he knows at least one foreign language.....	A	B	C	D	E
14. I am studying English because I enjoy it.....	A	B	C	D	E



	A	B	C	D	E
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
15. I am studying English because I was given no choice in the matter.....	A	B	C	D	E
16. Studying English will help me to understand my own language better.....	A	B	C	D	E
17. Studying English will help me to know and appreciate the way of life of people who speak English.....	A	B	C	D	E

For questions 18-21 indicate how well you intend or plan to be able to:

	A	B	C	D	E
	Not at all	A little	Somewhat well	Well	Very Well
18. Speak English.....	A	B	C	D	E
19. Understand English when spoken.....	A	B	C	D	E
20. Read English.....	A	B	C	D	E
21. Write English.....	A	B	C	D	E

22. Indicate in what grade at school you first started studying English.

- A. Grades 1 or 2
- B. Grades 3 or 4
- C. Grades 5 or 6
- D. Grades 7 or 8
- E. Grade 9 or higher

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23. Indicate how well you knew English before you started studying it at school.

- A. I didn't know any English
- B. I knew only a few words
- C. I knew the language fairly well
- D. I knew the language very well

24. Including this year, indicate how many years you have studied English altogether.
- A. 1 year
  - B. 2 years
  - C. 3 to 4 years
  - D. 5 to 6 years
  - E. 7 years or more
25. Indicate how well you can  speak  English now (that is, say anything you want in it).
- A. Not at all
  - B. A little
  - C. Somewhat well
  - D. Well
  - E. Very well
26. Indicate how well you can  understand  English when other people speak to you in it.
- A. Not at all
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27. Indicate how well you can  read  English now.
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29. Indicate how often you have a chance, outside of school, to talk with people in English.
- A. Never
  - B. Sometimes
  - C. Often
30. Indicate if you have spent any time in a English-speaking country.
- A. Never
  - B. Short visit (less than one month)
  - C. Between one month and one year
  - D. Between one and two years
  - E. More than two years
31. Indicate how easy or hard you find the study of English, as compared with your other subjects.
- A. Very easy
  - B. Somewhat easy
  - C. Neither easy or hard
  - D. Somewhat hard
  - E. Very hard
32. Indicate how hard you work in learning or studying English compared to other subjects in school.
- A. I work harder in English than in other subjects
  - B. I work in English about as hard as I do in other subjects
  - C. I do not work in English as hard as I do in other subjects
33. Indicate about how many hours of homework you do each week in English.
- A. Less than 1 hour
  - B. Between 1 and 2 hours
  - C. Between 2 and 3 hours
  - D. between 3 and 4 hours
  - E. More than 4 hours

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34. Indicate about how many hours of instruction you receive each week in English.
- 2 hours or less
  - Between 3 and 4 hours
  - Between 5 and 6 hours
  - Between 7 and 8 hours
  - Between 9 and 10 hours
  - More than 10 hours
35. Indicate how many students there are in the class in which you study English.
- fewer than 15
  - 15 - 20
  - 21 - 25
  - 26 - 30
  - 31 or more
36. Indicate about how many books or magazines in English there are in your room.
- none
  - 1 or 2
  - 3 or 4
  - 5 or more
37. Indicate how often you read English books, see English movies and TV programs, and listen to English programs on the radio.
- never
  - occasionally (about once a week)
  - often (more than once a week)

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