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The 18 tests cited in this bibliography cover all age levels, although many are geared toward the secondary education level. The content of the tests focuses on the skills that individuals should possess in order to be effective consumers of goods and services. This document is one in a series of topical bibliographies from the Test Collection (TC) at the Educational Testing Service (ETS) containing descriptions of more than 18,000 tests and other measurement devices prepared by commercial publishers, teachers, educational institutions, professional associations, departments of education, counselors, etc. Each description contains the following basic information: TC Accession Number (a six-digit identification number assigned by the Test Collection); the title of the instrument; personal or institutional author; year of publication or copyright; availability source; grade level for which test is suitable; age level for which test is suitable; and abstract. Other information, which is provided when known, includes subtests, number of test items, and time required to complete the test. Information on accessing the Test Collection via Internet concludes the document. (CRW)

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INTRODUCTION

Scope of Bibliography

The tests described in this bibliography cover all age levels, although many are geared toward the secondary education level. Content of the tests focuses on the skills that individuals should possess in order to be effective consumers of goods and services.

Availability

Copies of the tests described on the following pages must be obtained directly from the publisher, as stated in the AV AVAILABILITY section of each test citation. Generally, the Test Collection does not have distribution rights for its holdings. However, in special instances, the Test Collection has been granted permission from individual authors to distribute their tests, which are primarily research instruments. The AV AVAILABILITY information for these instruments will be Tests in microfiche, Test Collection, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08541.

Guide to Citation Elements

The following is a guide to the various elements which may be present in a test citation:

- AN - Six-digit identification number assigned by the Test Collection
- TI - Name of the instrument
- DT - Components within the overall test which assess particular skills or factors
- AU - Personal or institutional author
- YR - Year test was published or copyrighted
- AV - Test publisher or distributor; the organization which sells or distributes the instrument

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GL - List of grades for which test is suitable

TG - List of ages for which test is suitable

AB - A description of the test and its purpose

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC015603 ETS 8807.
 TI TITLE: Basic Life Skills Inventory for Adult Living.
 AU AUTHOR: Buchholz-Mark; Buchholz-Ruth.
 YR YEAR: 88.
 AV AVAILABILITY: Media Materials; 2936 Remington Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21211.
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.
 AB ABSTRACT: Developed for use with junior and senior high school special education classes. Basic skills are assessed and emphasis is placed on the application of these skills in such areas as consumer education and prevocational skills. Overall goal of inventory is to make sure students have reached all the objectives before graduating from high school. The areas covered are addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, fractions, additional math skills, time, measurement, communication, spelling, money, consumer education, prevocational skills, composition-grammar, and reading.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC015484 ETS 8807.
 TI TITLE: High School Subject Tests: Consumer Economics, Form B.
 AU AUTHOR: Wick-John-W; Gatta-Louis-A.
 YR YEAR: 88.
 AV AVAILABILITY: American Testronics; P.O. Box 2270; Iowa City, IA 52244-9990.
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 9; 10; 11; 12.
 NT NOTES:
 TIME: 40; Approx.
 ITEMS: 55.
 AB ABSTRACT: Two equivalent forms A and B allow pre- and posttest analyses of individuals, classes, or specific groups for grades 9 through 12. Tests are both norm-referenced and criterion-referenced. Can be used as an end-of-course assessment to measure students' knowledge of Consumer Economics or as a pre-assessment to measure students' knowledge prior to formal course of study of Consumer Economics.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC014835 ETS 8705.
 TI TITLE: Social and Prevocational Information Battery, Revised.
 DT SUBTESTS: Purchasing Habits; Budgeting; Banking; Job Related Behavior; Job Search Skills; Home Management; Health Care; Hygiene and Grooming; Functional Signs.
 AU AUTHOR: Halpern-Andrew-S; Irvin-Larry-K.
 YR YEAR: 86.
 AV AVAILABILITY: Publishers Test Service; 2500 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940.
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.
 NT NOTES:
 ITEMS: 277.
 AB ABSTRACT: Consists of nine tests designed to assess knowledge of skills and competencies considered important for the community adjustment of students with mild mental retardation. Is used primarily with junior and senior high school students. The test is administered orally and most of the items are true-false. The nine subtests reflect five long-range educational goals considered necessary for successful adaptation to the community: employability, economic self-sufficiency, family living, personal habits, and communication.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC014403 ETS 8605.
 TI TITLE: Valpar Component Work Sample 13 (Money Handling).
 DT SUBTESTS: Money Recognition; Change Making; Economics.
 AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: Valpar International Corporation, Tucson, AZ.
 AV AVAILABILITY: Valpar International Corporation; 3801 E. 34th St., Tucson, AZ 85713.
 TG TARGET AUDIENCE: Adults.
 AB ABSTRACT: Designed to measure an individual's skills in dealing with monetary concepts ranging from basic money recognition to consumer economics. Cash register use is simulated. Useful with occupations such as cashier, teller, clerk, or loan counselor. Can be used with disabled or nondisabled persons. Signed, videotaped instructions for the deaf are available. Abilities required are verbal and numerical skills, reasoning, spatial perception, and clerical aptitude.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC013524 ETS 8405.
 TI TITLE: Life Skills Competency Checklist.
 AU AUTHOR: Jackson-Rebecca-Osborne.
 YR YEAR: 83.
 AV AVAILABILITY: ERIC Document Reproduction Service; 3900 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (ED 236 439; microfiche only).
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.
 NT NOTES:
 ITEMS: 28.
 AB ABSTRACT: Developed for use by career educators and counselors in Fresno County, California, this checklist is divided into three

sections. Section 1 provides space for recording students' development in vocational and career awareness, interests and hobbies, work experience, vocational test scores, individual goals and community agency input from the primary grades through secondary school. In section 2, skills and behavior needed in secondary level vocational classes are recorded. The third section is a checklist for evaluating student progress and competency in daily living skills, personal and social skills, and occupational preparation. Each of these areas is subdivided into several specific skills, such as personal needs, personal finances, consumer awareness (daily living skills); independence, self-confidence, decision making (personal skills); and manual skills, occupation selection, and secure employment (occupational preparation).

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC013499 ETS 8405.
TI TITLE: Mastery Test in Consumer Economics.
AU AUTHOR: Dlabay-Les.
YR YEAR: 84.
AV AVAILABILITY: Scholastic Testing Service; 480 Meyer Road,
Bensenville, IL 60106.
GL GRADE LEVEL: 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.
NT NOTES:
TIME: 40; approx.
ITEMS: 45.
AB ABSTRACT: Achievement test designed to measure knowledge of major consumer economics topics as set forth by various state education agencies and professional organization curriculum guides. Fifteen concepts covered by the test are individual consumer in the marketplace; consumer in the economy; personal money management; consumer credit; wise use of credit; food buying; housing; transportation; furniture, appliances, clothing; personal and health services; banking services; saving and investments; insurance; taxes and government; consumer in society. Items are geared to individual objectives.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC013067 ETS 8410.
 TI TITLE: Consumer Skills Items.
 AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: Education Commission of the States, Denver, Colo.
 YR YEAR: 78.
 AV AVAILABILITY: ERIC Document Reproduction Service; 3900 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (ED 163 182; 239 pages).
 TG TARGET AUDIENCE: AGE 17.
 AB ABSTRACT: This is a collection of consumer skills items for state and local education agencies to draw upon in composing consumer skills instruments. It provides items to assess seventeen-year-olds' consumer skills. The items are classified under eight major topics: behavior, contracts, economics, energy, finances, mathematics, projection, and purchases. Items classified as miscellaneous make up a ninth topic, and background questions constitute a tenth topic. There are also subtopics. For example, subtopics under behavior include advertising, decision making, and shopping. All items are assigned numbers which refer to the topic and subtopic. Most items are multiple choice. The directions for answering the exercises and two exercise examples are included, but the answer key is found in ED 163 181.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC012944 ETS 8410.
 TI TITLE: Test on Food Laws, Inspection, and Grading.
 AU AUTHOR: Lutkus-Alice.
 YR YEAR: 74.
 AV AVAILABILITY: ERIC Document Reproduction Service; 3900 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (ED 109 334; 151 pages).
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.
 NT NOTES:
 ITEMS: 13.
 AB ABSTRACT: This questionnaire is to assess a student's knowledge of food laws, government stamps, and grading agencies and their functions. This is one instrument in Evaluation in Home Economics published by the Indiana Home Economics Association. Included in the publication are a variety of instruments appropriate for evaluating to some degree the progress toward attainment of objectives in the several areas of home economics for junior and senior high school students, adults, and out-of-school youth. Along with the evaluation form are suggestions for their use in the following areas of home economics: child development, clothing and textiles, consumer education, foods and nutrition, family relationships, housing and home decorating, health of the family and home care of the sick, interpersonal relations, and occupational home economics. Another source is University Book Store, 360 State Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC012941 ETS 8410.
 TI TITLE: Insurance Opinionnaire.
 AU AUTHOR: Burns-Germaine.
 YR YEAR: 74.
 AV AVAILABILITY: ERIC Document Reproduction Service; 3900 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (ED 109 334; 151 pages).
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.
 NT NOTES:
 ITEMS: 15.
 AB ABSTRACT: This opinionnaire is used to assess a students knowledge of consumer insurance. It is a basic questionnaire and could be used as a pretest in a unit on insurance. This is one instrument in Evaluation in Home Economics published by the Indiana Home Economics Association. Included in the publication are a variety of instruments appropriate for evaluating to some degree the progress toward attainment of objectives in the several areas of home economics for junior and senior high school students, adults, and out-of-school youth. Along with the evaluation form are suggestions for their use in the following areas of home economics: child development, clothing and textiles, consumer education, foods and nutrition, family relationships, housing and home decorating, health of the family and home care of the sick, interpersonal relations, and occupational home economics. Another source is University Book Store, 360 State Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC012940 ETS 8410.
 TI TITLE: Shopping Checklist.
 DT SUBTESTS: Checklist for Labels.
 AU AUTHOR: Fonner-Bonnie.
 YR YEAR: 74.
 AV AVAILABILITY: ERIC Document Reproduction Service; 3900 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (ED 109 334; 151 pages).
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.
 NT NOTES:
 ITEMS: 21.
 AB ABSTRACT: This checklist is used to assess the knowledge of wise shopping procedures. It is a yes/no answer format. This is one instrument in Evaluation in Home Economics published by the Indiana Home Economics Association. Included in the publication are a variety of instruments appropriate for evaluating to some degree the progress toward attainment of objectives in the several areas of home economics for junior and senior high school students, adults, and out-of-school youth. Along with the evaluation form are suggestions for their use in the following areas of home economics: child development, clothing and textiles, consumer education, foods and nutrition, family relationships, housing and home decorating, health of the family and home care of the sick, interpersonal relations, and occupational home economics. Another source is University Book Store, 360 State Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC012939 ETS 8410.

TI TITLE: Consumer Education, My Consumer Profile.

AU AUTHOR: Campbell-Sally-R.

YR YEAR: 74.

AV AVAILABILITY: ERIC Document Reproduction Service; 3900 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (ED 109 334; 151 pages).

GL GRADE LEVEL: 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.

NT NOTES:

ITEMS: 30.

AB ABSTRACT: My Consumer Profile is used to identify the needs and interests of students and is an aide in planning for consumer education. This instrument was copied with permission from Consumer Education in an Age of Adaptation, by Sally R. Campbell, Sears Roebuck and Co., 1971. This is one instrument in Evaluation in Home Economics published by the Indiana Home Economics Association. Included in the publication are a variety of instruments appropriate for evaluating to some degree the progress toward attainment of objectives in the several areas of home economics for junior and senior high school students, adults, and out-of-school youth. Along with the evaluation form are suggestions for their use in the following areas of home economics: child development, clothing and textiles, consumer education, foods and nutrition, family relationships, housing and home decorating, health of the family and home care of the sick interpersonal relations, and occupational home economics. Another source is University Book Store, 360 State Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC012360 ETS 8410.

TI TITLE: Multiple-Choice Cloze Exercises: Consumer Domain, Revised 1977.

AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: New York State Education Dept., Albany. Div. of Research.

YR YEAR: 77.

AV AVAILABILITY: ERIC Document Reproduction Service; 3900 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (ED 226 036; 115 pages).

GL GRADE LEVEL: 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.

NT NOTES:

ITEMS: 100.

AB ABSTRACT: The "Test Development Notebook" is a resource designed for the preparation of tests of literal comprehension of students in grades 1 through 12. There are a total of 1725 multiple choice closure exercises in the collection. The exercises have a common multiple choice cloze format; they use passages from domains or types of materials that students read, and the passages are graded by difficulty levels. The Multiple Choice Cloze Exercises: Handbook is available from ERIC Document Reproduction Service (ED 226 028). This instrument consists of 100 items grouped into eighteen levels of difficulty. Items were drawn from consumer magazines, catalogs, instructions, advertisements and contracts.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC012225 ETS 8410.
 TI TITLE: Career Exploration Series: CER-O.
 AU AUTHOR: Kutler-Arthur-; And Others.
 YR YEAR: 79.
 AV AVAILABILITY: CFKR Career Materials; P.O. Box 437, Meadow Vista, CA 95722.
 TG TARGET AUDIENCE: AGE 13-65.
 NT NOTES:
 TIME: 45.
 ITEMS: 19.
 AB ABSTRACT: One of a series of self-administered, self-scored job interest inventories focusing on specific fields. Concerned with educational aspirations, job activities, vocational interests and skills. CER-O covers consumer/home economics and related occupations. Available on tape and disc for use with micro-computers.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC011848 ETS 8410.
 TI TITLE: NTE Specialty Area Tests: Home Economics Education.
 AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ.
 YR YEAR: 82.
 AV AVAILABILITY: NTE Programs, Educational Testing Service; Box 911P, Princeton, NJ 08541.
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 13-18.
 NT NOTES:
 TIME: 120.
 AB ABSTRACT: Part of a standardized, secure measure of academic achievement for college students in, or completing, teacher education programs. Used by associations, school systems, state agencies, and institutions, for decisions about the certification and selection of teachers. One of 27 tests measuring understanding of the content and methods applicable to teaching in subject areas. This test covers: family and human development, management, consumerism, nutrition and foods, clothing and textiles, housing, and home economics education.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC010660 ETS 8410.
 TI TITLE: High School Subject Tests: Consumer Education.
 DT SUBTESTS: Insurance; Credit; Banking and Investment; Economics; Consumer in the Marketplace; Money Management; Housing; Taxes.
 AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: Scott, Foresman and Co., Glenview, Ill.
 YR YEAR: 80.
 AV AVAILABILITY: American Testronics; P.O. Box 2270, Iowa City, IA 52244.
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 9; 10; 11; 12.
 NT NOTES:
 TIME: 40.
 ITEMS: 55.
 AB ABSTRACT: Part of the Comprehensive Assessment Program. Evaluates students and curriculum in terms of specific instructional objectives. Can also be used as norm-referenced test by comparing students' performance to the scores of the norming sample.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC010323 ETS 8410.
TI TITLE: Tests For Everyday Living.
DT SUBTESTS: Purchasing Habits; Banking; Budgeting; Health Care;
Home Management; Job Search Skills; Job Related Behavior.
AU AUTHOR: Halpern-Andrew; And Others.
YR YEAR: 79.
AV AVAILABILITY: CTB/McGraw-Hill; Del Monte Research Park, Monterey,
CA 93940.
TG TARGET AUDIENCE: AGE 12-64.
NT NOTES:
TIME: 140; approx.
ITEMS: 245.
AB ABSTRACT: Battery of 7 untimed tests that measure knowledge of life
skills necessary to successfully perform everyday life tasks.
Orally administered so that poor readers are not disadvantaged.
Estimated time for each test is 20 minutes. Frequently used in
grades 7 through 12 with average or low-achieving
students, or remedial and learning disabled. Does include some
performance items, such as filling out an application form or
writing a check where some reading is required.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC800236 ETS 8410.
 TI TITLE: Library of Test Items: Commerce, Volume 1.
 DT SUBTESTS: Business; Consumers; Finance.
 AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: New South Wales Dept. of Education, Sydney (Australia).
 YR YEAR: 78.
 AV AVAILABILITY: ERIC Document Reproduction Service; 3900 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (ED 218 287; 155 pages).
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 7; 8; 9; 10.
 NT NOTES:
 AB ABSTRACT: One of a series of test item collections developed by the Assessment and Evaluation Unit of the Directorate of Studies. Designed for use by secondary school teachers for the construction of tests or as the basis for classroom discussions. Items in this volume assess knowledge of business activity, expansion, growth, modern business methods, as well as types of business organizations. The items in the second section measure knowledge of areas important to consumers including buying goods and services, earning and budgeting an income, and consumer protection. The items in the final section of the volume measure knowledge related to personal, company, and government finance and banking.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC800234 ETS 8410.
 TI TITLE: Library of Test Items: Home Science, Volume 1.
 AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: New South Wales Dept. of Education, Sydney (Australia).
 YR YEAR: 80.
 AV AVAILABILITY: ERIC Document Reproduction Service; 3900 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 (ED 218 285; 111 pages).
 GL GRADE LEVEL: 7; 8; 9; 10.
 AB ABSTRACT: One of a series of test item collections developed by the Assessment and Evaluation Unit of the Directorate of Studies. Designed for use by secondary school teachers for the construction of tests or as the basis for classroom discussions. Items in this volume measure attitudes and values, knowledge of consumer economics, nutrition and foods.

ETS TEST COLLECTION VIA INTERNET

The ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation has mounted on its gopher site a database to help locate tests. This database can be used by accessing the gopher at the address: GOPHER.CUA.EDU The ERIC/ETS Test Collection is located under: Special Resources/ ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation/ Test Locator/

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INTRODUCTION TO THE ETS TEST COLLECTION

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) Test Collection database contains records on over 9,500 tests and research instruments. These records describe the instruments and provide availability information. The Test Collection encompasses virtually all fields from vocational interest inventories for adults to instruments that measure shyness or predict recidivism in released criminal offenders, to assessment of managerial style, as well as education-related achievement and aptitude tests. The test descriptions are indexed with ERIC Thesaurus terms for subject accessibility.

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WHAT KIND OF TEST ARE DESCRIBED?

The Test Collection database collects a variety of instruments: achievement tests, aptitude tests, personality measures, attitude measures, career/vocational interest measures, occupational tests such as nursing or sales skills inventories. Many research instruments are collected as well as tests from commercial publishers.

WHAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ABOUT THE TESTS?

The title, author, publication date and source appear in the record. An abstract describing the instrument, intended population, and uses accompanies the record. Subject terms give the age and grade level information as well as ERIC Thesaurus terms that describe the test.

DOES THE TEST COLLECTION DATABASE REVIEW THE TESTS?

No, other reference guides such as Mental Measurements Yearbooks,

Tests: A Comprehensive Reference for Assessments in Psychology, Education, and Business, and Test Critiques distributed by Pro-Ed fill that role. You can search the tables of contents for the MMY and Test Critiques through the ERIC_AE Gopher Site.

ARE ALL THE TESTS IN THE DATABASE CURRENTLY IN PRINT?

No, some of the items are out of print. We suggest contacting the publisher for permission to use out-of-print materials. Phone numbers can be located using another menu option on the ERIC_AE Gopher Site.

WHERE CAN I SEE THE ACTUAL TEST INSTRUMENTS?

Availability information is provided in the records. Many colleges and universities have test collections in their libraries. Talk to you local librarian for more information.

WHAT IS TESTS IN MICROFICHE?

Tests in Microfiche is a subcollection of unpublished research instruments that are available for purchase in microfiche from the ETS Test Collection. The collection includes instruments appropriate for diverse populations (infants, learning disabled, adults, etc.) Each set spans a wide range of topics such as job satisfaction and attitudes towards school. More than 800 tests are available.

DOES THE TEST COLLECTION PROVIDE REFERENCE SERVICES?

No, the descriptive information in the database should help answer most questions people may have. And the publisher of the particular test is the most competent source of information. You can, however, route general inquiries to ERIC_AE@CUA.EDU.

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