Monitoring Trends in Educational Growth

Class 6 Student Questionnaire prepared in 2013 for the Ministry of Education, Afghanistan

Source version - English

This questionnaire was completed by each student after finishing the cognitive tasks.
In this section you will find questions about:

- You
- Your Family
- Your Schooling
- Your Interests

Please read each question carefully and answer as accurately as you can. In the test you usually circle your answers. For this questionnaire, you will normally answer by ticking one box only. For example:

What is your sex?
*Please fill one circle only.*

- Boy
- Girl

Some questions require you to tick all boxes that apply to you. For example.

Which of the following do you have?
*Please fill all circles that apply. If an item is broken at present but can be mended, fill in the circle next to it.*

1. Pencil
2. Pencil sharpener
3. Pencil eraser
4. Ruler
5. Pen
6. School bag
7. Calculator
8. Mathematics textbook
9. *Test language* textbook
10. Islamic studies textbook
11. Holy Quran
12. Computer/notebook
If you make a mistake, cross out your error and tick the correct box or write the correct answer next to it.

In this questionnaire, there are no ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ answers. Your answers should be the ones that are ‘right’ for you.

You may ask the teacher for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer a question.

All your answers will be kept confidential.
QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

Question 1
How old are you?

Please fill one circle only.

- 11 or younger
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15 or older

Question 2
What is your sex?

Please fill one circle only.

- Boy
- Girl

Question 3
Which language do you speak at home most of the time?

Please fill one circle only.

- Dari
- Pashto (Pakhto or Afghani)
- Another language
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAY DURING THE SCHOOL WEEK

Question 4
Where do you live?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- With my parents
- Elsewhere (e.g. hostel/with other family members)

Questions 5 to 8 are about the place where you stay during the school week which you selected in Question 4.

Question 5
How long does it take for you to come to school each day?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Less than 30 minutes
- 30 minutes to 1 hour
- 1 to 2 hours
- More than 2 hours

Question 6
How safe do you feel on your way to school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Not safe
- Partly safe
- Moderately safe
- Very safe
- Extremely safe
**Question 7**

On a normal school day, how do you travel to school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- I travel in a car or on a scooter/motorbike
- I travel in a bus
- I walk
- I ride a bike
- Other *(please specify):* ____________________________

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**Question 8**

How many books are in your home that are **not** school books, newspapers or magazines?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- There are no books
- 1-10 books
- 11-30 books
- 31-50 books
- 51-100 books
- 101 or more books

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**Question 9**

In your home, what is the main source of lighting by which you can read?

*Please fill one circle only*

- There is no lighting
- Candle
- Kerosene or oil lamp
- Gas lamp
- Electric lighting
- Solar lamp
Question 10

Which of the following things can be found in your home?

Please fill all circles that apply. If an item is broken at present but can be mended, fill in the circle next to it.

a) Daily newspaper  
b) Weekly or monthly magazine  
c) Radio  
d) Television  
e) Video player (VCR)  
f) Cassette player  
g) DVD player  
h) Mobile phone  
i) Refrigerator/freezer  
j) Car  
k) Motorcycle  
l) Bicycle  
m) Piped water  
n) Electricity (mains, generator, solar)  
o) Desk  
p) Computer / laptop

Question 11

What is the surface (covering) of the floor in your home?

Please fill one circle only.

o Earth or clay with or without covering  
o Canvas  
o Wooden planks  
o Rugs  
o Cement  
o Carpet/tiles (plastic, ceramic or wooden)
Question 12

What are the outside walls of your home mostly made of?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Cardboard/plastic sheeting/canvas
- Reeds/sticks/grass thatch
- Stones/mudbricks
- Metal or asbestos sheets
- Wood (planks or timber)
- Cut stone/concrete blocks/bricks

Question 13

What is the roof of your home mostly made of?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Cardboard/plastic sheeting/canvas
- Grass thatch and mud
- Metal or asbestos sheets
- Cement or concrete
- Tiles

Question 14

On a normal school day, how many meals a day do you have?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- 1 meal
- 2 meals
- 3 meals or more
If you have received free food (e.g. cooking oil, biscuits, a sack of flour, milk, rice) since the beginning of this school year at your school, please answer the following questions:

**Question 15**

Since the beginning of this school year, how often have you received free food at your school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- o Did not occur
- o 1-2 times during the year
- o 3-4 times during the year
- o Once a month
- o Once a week
- o More than once a week

**Question 16**

What food have you received?

*Please fill all circles that apply.*

- o Cooking oil
- o Biscuits
- o Wheat
- o Other *(please specify)*: ______________________
Questions about your parents or guardians

**Question 17**

What is the **highest** level of education that your mother (or female guardian) has completed?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Grade 6 or lower
- Grade 7-9
- Grade 10-12
- Grade 13-14
- University degree
- Home Islamic education
- I do not know
- I do not have a mother or female guardian or my mother has died

**Question 18**

What is the **highest** level of education that your father (or male guardian) has completed?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Grade 6 or lower
- Grade 7-9
- Grade 10-12
- Grade 13-14
- University degree
- Home Islamic education
- I do not know
- I do not have a father or male guardian or my father has died
QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOLING

Question 19

Have you ever repeated a grade?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- o Yes
- o No

Question 20

Which of the following do you have?

*Please fill all circles that apply. If an item is broken at present but can be mended, fill in the circle next to it.*

a) Pencil  o
b) Pencil sharpener  o
c) Pencil eraser  o
d) Ruler  o
e) Pen  o
f) School bag  o
g) Calculator  o
h) Mathematics textbook  o
i) *<Test language>* textbook  o
j) Islamic studies textbook  o
k) Holy Quran  o
l) Computer/notebook  o
Question 21

How much time do you typically spend per week studying the following subjects in regular lessons at school?

*Please fill the appropriate circle in each row. Do not count any extra tuition you attend.*

<table>
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<th></th>
<th>No time</th>
<th>Less than 2 lessons a week</th>
<th>2 – 3 lessons a week</th>
<th>4 – 5 lessons a week</th>
<th>6 or more lessons a week</th>
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<td>a) Mathematics</td>
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<td>b) &lt;Test language&gt;</td>
<td>○</td>
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Question 22

Did you attend a community-based school before coming to this school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- ○ No
- ○ Yes

Question 23

What age did you first start going to school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- ○ 6 years or younger
- ○ 7-8 years
- ○ 9 years or older

Question 24

What’s the **highest** level of education you **expect to complete**?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- ○ Grade 6
- ○ Grade 9
- ○ Grade 12
- ○ Grade 14
- ○ A university degree
QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HOMEWORK

Question 25

How often are you given homework by your school teacher in each of the following subjects?

Please fill the appropriate circle in each row.

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<th>I am not given any homework</th>
<th>Once or twice a month</th>
<th>Once a week</th>
<th>Everyday</th>
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<tr>
<td>a) Mathematics</td>
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<td>b) Reading in &lt;test language&gt;</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>o</td>
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<td>c) Writing in &lt;test language&gt;</td>
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Question 26

How often does a person other than your teacher help you with your homework?

Please fill one circle only.

- I do not get any homework
- Never
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
### QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

**Question 27**

Thinking about the teacher who taught your most recent mathematics class, to what extent do you agree with the following statements?  

*Please fill only one circle in each row.*

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<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Agree</th>
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<th>Strongly disagree</th>
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<td>a) My teacher gets students to listen to him or her.</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>b) My teacher keeps the class orderly.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>c) My teacher starts lessons on time.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>d) My teacher has to wait a long time for students to &lt;quiet down&gt;.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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Question 28

Thinking about your school, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Please fill only one circle in each row.

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<td>a) School is a waste of time.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>b) I make friends easily at school.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>c) I feel like I belong at school.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>d) I like learning at school.</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>o</td>
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<td>e) Things are ideal in my school.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>f) I feel happy at school.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>g) I have learnt things at school that are useful.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>h) I am satisfied with my school.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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**Question 29**

How much do you agree or disagree with these statements about **reading**?

*Please fill only one circle in each row.*

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<th>Strongly agree</th>
<th>Agree</th>
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<td>a)</td>
<td>I read only if I have to.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>b)</td>
<td>Reading is one of my favourite hobbies.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<tr>
<td>c)</td>
<td>I like talking about things I read with other people.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<tr>
<td>d)</td>
<td>I find it hard to finish when I read something.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>e)</td>
<td>I feel happy if I receive something to read (e.g. book, magazine) as a present.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>f)</td>
<td>For me, reading is a waste of time.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>g)</td>
<td>I enjoy going to a bookstore or a library.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>h)</td>
<td>I read only to get information that I need.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<tr>
<td>i)</td>
<td>I cannot sit still and read for more than a few minutes.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>j)</td>
<td>I like to express my opinions about things I have read.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>k)</td>
<td>I like to exchange reading materials with my friends.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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Question 30

What materials do you read?

*Please fill all circles that apply.*

a) Holy Quran ☐
b) Fiction books ☐
c) Textbooks for school ☐
d) Non-fiction books ☐
e) Magazines ☐
f) Comic books ☐
g) Newspapers ☐
h) Online materials ☐

Question 31

How supportive are the following people of you attending school?

*Please fill only one circle in each row.*

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<th>Not supportive</th>
<th>Partly supportive</th>
<th>Moderately supportive</th>
<th>Very supportive</th>
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<td>a) My mother</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>o</td>
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<td>b) My father</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>o</td>
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<td>c) Other members of my family</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>o</td>
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<td>d) My friends</td>
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<td>e) The community where I live (e.g. village, suburb)</td>
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<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>f) My teachers</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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**Question 32**

How much do you agree or disagree with these statements about **mathematics**?

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<th>Agree</th>
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<td>a) I am interested in mathematics lessons more than in any other lessons.</td>
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<td>b) I would be happy to drop mathematics if I could.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>c) I enjoy reading about mathematics.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>d) I plan to do as much mathematics as possible during my education. I enjoy doing mathematics problems and puzzles outside mathematics lessons.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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<td>e) I look forward to my mathematics lessons.</td>
<td>o</td>
<td>o</td>
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**You have completed all the questions. Thank you.**