



Long Term Trend: Mathematics Student Background Questionnaire

2008

Age 9

DIRECTIONS

In the next section, you will be asked questions about yourself and your education. We will read this section together. To answer these questions, fill in the oval beside the answer that is true for you. For example, fill in the oval beside your answer to this question:

How many movies did you see last month on television and in movie theaters?

- (A) None
- (B) 1 to 5
- (C) 6 to 10
- (D) More than 10

You should have filled in the oval beside the answer that best tells how many movies you saw last month on television and in movie theaters. On questions like this, be sure to make your answer mark clear and dark in the oval. If you make a mistake or want to change your answer, be sure to completely erase any unwanted marks.

You will be told when it is time to begin and end this section.

Do not go past the  sign at the end of this section until you are told to do so.

If you finish before time is called, go back and check your work on this section only. Use your time carefully. Do as much as you can in this section.



SECTION 4

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In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

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1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

- Ⓐ No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
- Ⓑ Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
- Ⓒ Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
- Ⓓ Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
- Ⓔ Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.

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2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

- Ⓐ White
- Ⓑ Black or African American
- Ⓒ Asian
- Ⓓ American Indian or Alaska Native
- Ⓔ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Section 4

For the rest of the questions in this section, fill in only **one** oval for each question.

3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week? VB331333
- (A) Yes
(B) No
(C) I don't know.
4. Does your family get any magazines regularly? VB331334
- (A) Yes
(B) No
(C) I don't know.
5. About how many books are there in your home? VB331335
- (A) Few (0–10)
(B) Enough to fill one shelf (11–25)
(C) Enough to fill one bookcase (26–100)
(D) Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)
6. Is there a computer at home that you use? VB331336
- (A) Yes
(B) No
7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer. VB331337
- (A) Yes
(B) No
(C) I don't know.
8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework? TB001101
- (A) 5 or fewer
(B) 6–10
(C) 11–15
(D) 16–20
(E) More than 20
9. How much time did you spend on homework yesterday? B001200
- (A) No homework was assigned.
(B) I had homework but didn't do it.
(C) Less than 1 hour
(D) 1 to 2 hours
(E) More than 2 hours

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10. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once every few weeks
- Ⓒ About once a week
- Ⓓ Two or three times a week
- Ⓔ Every day

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11. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 or 2 days
- Ⓒ 3 or 4 days
- Ⓓ 5 to 10 days
- Ⓔ More than 10 days

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12. How much television do you usually watch each day?

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 hour or less
- Ⓒ 2 hours
- Ⓓ 3 hours
- Ⓔ 4 hours
- Ⓕ 5 hours
- Ⓖ 6 hours or more

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13. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once in a while
- Ⓒ About half of the time
- Ⓓ All or most of the time

