TABLE 3.5

MEAN LITERACY SCORES ON THE PROSE, DOCUMENT AND QUANTITATIVE SCALES FOR PERSONS IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS WITH COMPLETED SECONDARY EDUCATION, 1992-1998

	16-25		26-35		36-45		46-65	
A. Prose								
Canada	295.1	(8.0)	283.3	(7.0)	291.8	(8.6)	273.9	(8.5)
Germany	297.7	(5.6)	292.2	(4.9)	275.6	(7.0)	270.3	(3.7)
Ireland	287.8	(3.1)	290.1	(4.7)	286.4	(4.5)	285.3	(6.2)
Netherlands	306.3	(3.2)	303.7	(2.5)	296.5	(3.0)	278.8	(2.9)
Poland	270.4	(3.7)	261.2	(2.5)	252.5	(3.7)	234.0	(3.8)
Sweden	311.1	(2.4)	310.2	(2.5)	299.6	(2.9)	285.3	(4.3)
Switzerland[1]	286.7	(2.8)	282.5	(2.2)	268.0	(3.9)	260.9	(3.2)
United States[2]	273.3	(1.9)	272.4	(4.5)	276.6	(7.1)	273.8	(3.7)
Australia	294.0	(2.3)	286.3	(2.1)	278.7	(3.4)	258.6	(2.5)
Belgium (Flanders)	297.6	(4.9)	279.0	(4.9)	279.6	(3.8)	265.0	(5.2)
New Zealand	288.4	(4.3)	291.8	(5.0)	288.6	(3.9)	288.3	(5.8)
United Kingdom	284.0	(5.7)	286.4	(4.9)	278.2	(5.2)	273.7	(6.0)
Chile	252.1	(3.6)	242.3	(4.0)	237.4	(5.3)	243.2	(6.7)
Czech Republic	292.3	(2.3)	291.1	(3.4)	287.6	(3.4)	276.0	(2.4)
Denmark	294.5	(2.0)	282.9	(1.7)	280.2	(2.1)	263.4	(1.4)
Finland	321.4	(2.8)	306.2	(2.3)	289.4	(2.6)	274.1	(2.1)
Hungary	264.8	(3.0)	253.4	(2.4)	243.2	(2.2)	233.7	(2.1)
Norway	298.6	(2.6)	290.5	(2.7)	285.9	(2.3)	270.9	(2.5)
Portugal	301.7	(3.3)	288.3	(5.5)	271.2	(6.3)	276.7	(8.1)
Slovenia	271.1	(3.3)	249.4	(2.5)	239.9	(4.0)	216.5	(3.1)
B. Document								
Canada	305.3	(9.5)	289.0	(3.8)	295.1	(11.1)	269.6	(8.0)
Germany	309.7	(5.3)	301.9	(4.7)	287.2	(8.4)	281.3	(3.5)
Ireland	281.8	(2.7)	283.8	(5.7)	279.9	(4.2)	274.6	(6.0)
Netherlands	312.4	(3.1)	309.0	(2.1)	300.8	(3.0)	284.0	(3.3)
Poland	270.8	(3.0)	259.8	(3.2)	255.3	(5.0)	228.1	(4.6)
Sweden	314.1	(2.2)	316.3	(2.4)	305.9	(2.9)	292.5	(3.5)
Switzerland[1]	299.4	(3.9)	292.6	(3.1)	276.3	(3.8)	270.3	(3.7)
United States[2]	274.2	(1.9)	270.0	(4.8)	269.9	(6.6)	265.7	(2.6)
Australia	296.0	(2.1)	288.2	(2.3)	279.8	(3.5)	259.4	(2.6)
Belgium (Flanders)	304.8	(4.3)	290.3	(5.0)	284.0	(3.9)	271.9	(5.3)
New Zealand	288.1	(3.2)	290.4	(5.5)	283.2	(4.2)	280.4	(5.8)
United Kingdom	288.2	(6.1)	290.2	(5.6)	284.6	(6.0)	275.4	(6.2)
Chile	245.7	(4.4)	238.6	(3.1)	233.4	(6.5)	237.6	(6.3)
Czech Republic	307.5	(3.7)	307.1	(3.4)	303.0	(4.1)	291.7	(2.8)
Denmark	320.4	(2.3)	307.4	(1.9)	301.4	(2.9)	276.9	(1.6)
Finland	324.6	(3.1)	310.0	(2.6)	290.1	(2.3)	274.5	(2.3)
Hungary	275.4	(4.1)	260.6	(3.3)	253.3	(3.0)	241.0	(2.9)
Norway	307.2	(3.2)	301.2	(3.2)	295.4	(3.2)	278.1	(3.0)
Portugal	289.2	(3.3)	281.0	(4.0)	267.2	(7.2)	267.0	(6.7)
Slovenia	274.1	(3.4)	254.9	(3.4)	246.9	(4.5)	218.0	(3.6)

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