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In this booklet you will find questions about:

- You and your family
- Your views on various issues related to science
- The environment
- Careers and <broad science>
- Learning time
- Teaching and learning science

Please read each question carefully and answer as accurately as you can. In the test you usually circled your answers. For this questionnaire, you will normally answer by ticking a box. For a few questions you will need to write a short answer.

If you make a mistake when ticking a box, cross out or erase your mistake and mark the correct box. If you make an error when writing an answer, simply cross it out and 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 for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer a question.

Your answers will be combined with others to make totals and averages in which no individual can be identified. All your answers will be kept confidential.

SECTION 1: ABOUT YOU

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			e you born?
(Please wi	rite the day,	, month and year you were born)
			19
	Day	Month	Year

SECTION 2: YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR HOME

In this section you will be asked some questions about your family and your home.

Some of the following questions are about your mother and father or those persons who are like a mother or father to you — for example, guardians, step-parents, foster parents, etc.

If you share your time with more than one set of parents or guardians, please answer the following questions for those parents/guardians you spend the most time with.

Q5a	(e.g. school teacher, kitchen-hand, sales manager)
	(If she is not working now, please tell us her last main job)

Q5b What does your mother do in her main job?

Please write in the job title.

(e.g. teaches high school students, helps the cook prepare meals in a restaurant, manages a sales team)

Please use a sentence to describe the kind of work she does or did in that job.

Q6 What is the <highest level of schooling> completed by your mother?

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Q7	Does your mother have any of	the follo	owing	qualif	icati	ons′i	?
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	(Please tick one box in each row)						
		Yes	No				
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	b) <isced 5b="" level=""></isced>						
	o) 18025 18161	1	2				
	c) <isced 4="" level=""></isced>						

Q8a	What is your father's main job? (e.g. school teacher, kitchen-han	
	(If he is not working now, please tell	us his last main job)
	Please write in the job title.	
Q8b	What does your father do in his (e.g. teaches high school student a restaurant, manages a sales te	ts, helps the cook prepare meals in
	Please use a sentence to describe to job.	he kind of work he does or did in that
Q9	<u> </u>	chooling> completed by your er this question, please ask the <test< th=""></test<>
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Q10	Does your father have any o	f the fo	llowing	g qu	alificatio	ns?
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	(Please tick one box in each row)	ı				
		,	Yes	No		
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b)	<isced 5b="" level=""></isced>	[
c)	<isced 4="" level=""></isced>					
Q11a	In what country were you an	d your	parent	s bo	rn?	
	(Please tick one answer in each c	column)				
			You		Mother	Father
	<country a=""></country>		01		01	01
	<country b=""></country>					
	<country c=""></country>				03	
	<country d=""></country>				04	04
	<etc.></etc.>					
	Other country					
Q11b	If <u>you</u> were NOT born in <co when you arrived in <countr< th=""><th></th><th></th><th>, hov</th><th>w old wer</th><th>e you</th></countr<></co 			, hov	w old wer	e you
	If you were less than 12 months of	old, pleas	se write	zero	(0)	

_____years

Q12 What language do you speak at home most of the time?

(Please tick only one box)	
<language 1=""></language>	<xxx></xxx>
<language 2=""></language>	<xxx></xxx>
<language 3=""></language>	
<etc.></etc.>	<xxx></xxx>
Other language	

Q13 Which of the following are in your home?

	Yes	No
a) A desk to study at		
b) A room of your own		
c) A quiet place to study		
d) A computer you can use for school work		
e) Educational software		
f) A link to the Internet		
g) Your own calculator		
h) Classic literature (e.g. <shakespeare>)</shakespeare>		
i) Books of poetry		
j) Works of art (e.g. paintings)		
k) Books to help with your school work		
l) A dictionary		
m) A dishwasher		
n) A <dvd or="" vcr=""> player</dvd>		
o) <country-specific 1="" item="" wealth=""></country-specific>		
p) <country-specific 2="" item="" wealth=""></country-specific>		
q) <country-specific 3="" item="" wealth=""></country-specific>		

Q14 How many of these are there at your home?

				None	One	Two	Three or more
	a)	Cellular phones					
	b)	Televisions					
	c)	Computers					\Box_4
	d)	Cars					\Box_4
	e)	Rooms with a bath or shower					
Q15		How many books are there There are usually about 40 b	_		shelvino	Do not	include
		magazines, newspapers, or you	_	_	meiving.	Do noi	тстас
		(Please tick only one box)					
		0-10 books					
		11-25 books					
		26-100 books	\square_3				
		101-200 books	4				
		201-500 books	\square_5				
		More than 500 books					

SECTION 3: YOUR VIEWS ON <BROAD SCIENCE>

This section asks about your views on various issues relating to
broad science>. <Broad science> refers to any topics that you might encounter in school, or outside of school (for example on television) that relate to space science, biology, chemistry, Earth science or physics.

Q16 How much do you agree with the statements below?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a) I generally have fun when I am learning topics				
b) I like reading about broad science>				\square_4
c) I am happy doing broad science> problem	$S \qquad \square_1$			$\square_{_{4}}$
d) I enjoy acquiring new knowledge in science>				
e) I am interested in learning about science>			\square_3	

Q17 How easy do you think it would be for you to perform the following tasks on your own?

		I could do this easily	I could do this with a bit of effort	I would struggle to do this on my own	I couldn ^a do this
a)	Recognise the science question that underlies a newspaper report on a health issue				4
b)	Explain why earthquakes occur more frequently in some areas than in others			\square_3	4
c)	Describe the role of antibiotics in the treatment of disease			\square_3	4
d)	Identify the science question associated with the disposal of garbage			$\square_{_3}$	4
e)	Predict how changes to an environment will affect the survival of certain species			$\square_{_3}$	4
f)	Interpret the scientific information provided on the labelling of food items			$\square_{_3}$	\square_4
g)	Discuss how new evidence can lead you to change your understanding about the possibility of life on Mars				
h)	Identify the better of two explanations for the formation of acid rain				

Q18 How much do you agree with the statements below?

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a) Advances in broad science and technology> usually improve people's living conditions				
b) <broad science=""> is important for helping us to understand the natural world</broad>			$\square_{_3}$	
C) Some concepts in broad science> help me see how I relate to other people			\square_3	
d) Advances in broad science and technology> usually help improve the economy				
e) I will use science> in many ways when I am an adult			\square_3	
f) <broad science=""> is valuable to society</broad>				\square_4
g) <broad science=""> is very relevant to me</broad>			$\square_{_3}$	\square_4
h) I find that broad science> helps me to understand the things around me			$\square_{_3}$	
i) Advances in broad science and technology> usually bring social benefits				
j) When I leave school there will be many opportunities for me to use to use 				\square_4

Q19 How often do you do these things?

	Very Often	Regularly	Sometimes	Never of hardly ever
a) Watch TV programmes about science>			\square_3	
b) Borrow or buy books on science> topics			\square_3	
c) Visit web sites about science> topics			\square_3	
d) Listen to radio programmes about advances in broad science>				
e) Read broad science> magazines or science articles in newspapers				4
f) Attend a <science club=""></science>				

Q20 Here is a list of
 did you mainly learn about each of these topics?

(Please tick as many boxes as apply in each row)

		None of these, I am not sure what this is	My school	The TV, radio, newspaper or magazines	My friends	My family	The Internet or books
a) Photos	synthesis						
b) Forma	ation of the						
c) Genes	and						
d) Sound	proofing						
e) Clima	te change						
f) Evolu	tion						
g) Nucle	ar energy						
h) Health nutriti							

Q21 How much interest do you have in learning about the following

 topics?

	High Interest	Medium Interest	Low Interest	No Interest
a) Topics in physics			\square_3	
b) Topics in chemistry			\square_3	
c) The biology of plants			$\square_{_3}$	
d) Human biology			$\square_{_3}$	
e) Topics in astronomy			$\square_{_3}$	
f) Topics in geology			$\square_{_3}$	
g) Ways scientists design experiments			$\square_{_3}$	
h) What is required for scientific explanations				

SECTION 4: THE ENVIRONMENT

Q22 How informed are you about the following environmental issues?

	I have never heard of this	I have heard about this but I would not be able to explain what it is really about	I know something about this and could explain the general issue	I am familiar with this and I would be able to explain this well
a) The increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere				
b) Use of genetically modified organisms (<gmo>)</gmo>				\square_4
c) Acid rain			\square_3	4
d) Nuclear waste			\square_3	4
e) The consequences of clearing forests for other land use			\square_3	4

Q23 From which source(s) did you <u>mainly</u> learn about each of these environmental issues?

(Please tick as many boxes as apply in each row)

		None of these, I am not sure what this is	My school	radio, newspaper or magazines	My friends	My family	The Internet of books
a)	Air pollution						
b)	Energy shortages						
c)	Extinction of plants and animals						
d)	Clearing of forests for other land use						
e)	Water shortages						
f)	Nuclear waste		<u></u>	\Box ,	\Box ,		

Q24 Do you see the environmental issues below as a serious concern for yourself and/or others?

	This is a serious concern for me personally as well as others	This is a serious concern for other people in my country but not me personally	This is a serious concern only for people in other countries	This is not of serious concern to anyone
a) Air pollution				4
b) Energy shortages				4
c) Extinction of plants and animals			\square_3	
d) Clearing of forests for other land use				4
e) Water shortages				4
f) Nuclear waste				

Q25 Do you think problems associated with the environmental issues below will improve or get worse over the next 20 years?

	Improve	Stay about the same	Get worse
a) Air pollution			
b) Energy shortages			
c) Extinction of plants and animals			\square_3
d) Clearing of forests for other land use		$\square_{_{2}}$	
e) Water shortages			\square_3
f) Nuclear waste			

Q26 How much do you agree with the statements below?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a) It is important to carry out regular checks of the emissions from cars as a condition of their use	on		\square_3	\square_4
b) It disturbs me when energy is wasted through the unnecessary use of electrical appliances			\square_3	4
c) I am in favour of having laws that regulate factory emissions even if this would increa the price of products				
d) To reduce waste, the use of plastic packaging should be kept to a minimum				
e) Industries should be required to prove that they safely dispose of dangerous waste materials				
f) I am in favour of having laws that protect the habitats of endangered species				\square_4
g) Electricity should be produced from renewable sources as much as possible, eve if this increases the cost	en \square_1			

SECTION 5: CAREERS AND <BROAD SCIENCE>

In this section we ask you questions about <science-related career>. When thinking about what a <science-related career> might be, think of the many jobs that involve science — not just the traditional 'scientist'. Careers like engineer (involving physics), weather forecaster (involving Earth science), optician (involving biology and physics), and medical doctors (involving the medical sciences) are all examples of <science-related careers>.

Q27 How much do you agree with the statements below?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagre
a) The subjects <u>available</u> at my school provide students with the basic skills and knowledge for a <science-related career=""></science-related>			\square_3	\Box_4
b) The <school science=""> subjects at my school provide students with the basic skills and knowledge for many different careers.</school>				
c) The subjects <u>I study</u> provide me with the basic skills and knowledge for a <science-related career=""></science-related>				
d) My teachers equip me with the basic skills and knowledge I need for a <science-related career=""></science-related>				4

Q28 How informed are you about these topics?

			Very well informed	Fairly informed	Not well informed	Not informed at all
	a)	<science-related careers=""> that are available in the job market</science-related>			\square_3	\Box_4
	b)	Where to find information about <science-related careers=""></science-related>			\square_3	\square_4
	c)	The steps students need to take if they want a <science-related career=""></science-related>			\square_3	\Box_4
	d)	Employers or companies that hire people to work in <science-related careers=""></science-related>			\square_3	\square_4
Q29		How much do you agree with the	stateme	ents belo	ow?	
		(Please tick only one box in each row)				
			Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	a)	I would like to work in a career involving troad science>				4
	b)	I would like to study broad science> after <secondary school=""></secondary>			\square_3	\square_4
	c)	I would like to spend my life doing advanced science>				4
	d)	I would like to work on broad science> projects as an adult				4
Q30		What kind of job do you expect to about 30 years old?	o have w	hen you	ı are	
		Write the job title				
						

SECTION 6: LEARNING TIME

Q31 How much time do you typically spend per week studying the following subjects?

For each subject, please indicate separately:

- the time spent attending <u>regular lessons</u> at your school;
- the time spent attending <u>out-of-school-time lessons</u> (at school, at home or somewhere else);
- the time spent <u>studying or doing homework</u> by yourself.

<An hour here refers to 60 minutes, not to a class period>

	<school science=""></school>	No time	Less than 2 hours a week	2 or more but less than 4 hours a week	4 or more but less than 6 hours a week	6 or more hours a week
a)	Regular lessons in <school science=""> at my school</school>			$\square_{_3}$	4	
b)	Out-of school-time lessons in <school science=""></school>			$\square_{_3}$		
c)	Study or homework in <school science=""> by myself</school>			\square_3	4	
	Mathematics					
d)	Regular lessons in mathematics at my school			$\square_{_3}$		
e)	Out-of school-time lessons in mathematics					
f)	Study or homework in mathematics by myself					
	<test language=""></test>					
g)	Regular lessons in <test language=""> at my school</test>				\square_4	
h)	Out-of school-time lessons in <test language=""></test>			$\square_{_3}$	4	
i)	Study or homework in <test Language> by myself</test 			\square_3	4	

Q31 (continued)

	Other subjects	No time	Less than 2 hours a week	2 or more but less than 4 hours a week	4 or more but less than 6 hours a week	6 or more hours a week
j)	Regular lessons in other subjects at my school				\square_4	
k)	Out-of-school-time lessons in other subjects				\square_4	
1)	Study or homework in other subjects by myself			\square_3	\Box_4	

Q32 What type of <u>out-of-school-time</u> lessons do you attend currently (if any)?

These are lessons in subjects that you are learning at school, that you spend extra time learning outside of normal school hours. The lessons might be held at your school, at your home or somewhere else. These are only lessons in subjects that you also learn at school.

		Yes	No
a)	<one one="" to=""> lessons with a <teacher> who is also a teacher at your school</teacher></one>		
b)	<one one="" to=""> lessons with a <teacher> who is <u>not</u> a teacher at your school</teacher></one>		
c)	Lessons in small groups (less than 8 students) with a <teacher> who is also a teacher at your school</teacher>		
d)	Lessons in small groups (less than 8 students) with a <teacher> who is <u>not</u> a teacher at your school</teacher>		
e)	Lessons in larger groups (8 students or more) with a <teacher> who is also a teacher at your school</teacher>		
f)	Lessons in larger groups (8 students or more) with a <teacher> who is not a teacher at your school</teacher>		

SECTION 7: TEACHING AND LEARNING SCIENCE

Q33 Did you or do you take any of the courses listed below?

(Please tick as many boxes as apply in each row)

	Last year		This year	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
a) A compulsory <general course="" science=""></general>				
b) An optional <general course="" science=""></general>				
c) A compulsory biology course				
d) An optional biology course				
e) A compulsory physics course				
f) An optional physics course				
g) A compulsory chemistry course				
h) An optional chemistry course				

<Instructions for students who do not study science>

Q34 When learning <school science> topics at school, how often do the following activities occur?

		In all lessons	In most lessons	In some lessons	Never or hardly ever
a)	Students are given opportunities to explain their ideas				
b)	Students spend time in the laboratory doing practical experiments				
c)	Students are required to design how a <school science=""> question could be investigated in the laboratory</school>				\square_4
d)	The students are asked to apply a <school science=""> concept to everyday problems</school>				
e)	The lessons involve students' opinions about the topics			\square_3	\square_4
f)	Students are asked to draw conclusions from an experiment they have conducted				\square_4
g)	The teacher explains how a <school science=""> idea can be applied to a number of different phenomena (e.g. the movement of objects, substances with similar properties)</school>				\square_4
h)	Students are allowed to design their own experiments		\square_2		

Q34 (continued)

		In all lessons	In most lessons	In some lessons	Never or hardly ever
i)	There is a class debate or discussion			\square_3	\Box_4
j)	Experiments are done by the teacher as demonstrations			\square_3	
k)	Students are given the chance to choose their own investigations				
1)	The teacher uses <school science=""> to help students understand the world outside school</school>				
m)	Students have discussions about the topics			$\square_{_3}$	\square_4
n)	Students do experiments by following the instructions of the teacher				\square_4
o)	The teacher clearly explains the relevance of troad science> concepts to our lives				
p)	Students are asked to do an investigation to test out their own ideas				
q)	The teacher uses examples of technological application to show how <school science=""> is relevant to society</school>				

Q35 How much do you agree with the statements below?

				Strongly agree	Agree	e Disagree	Strongly disagree
	a)	Making an effort in my <school because="" do="" i="" in="" is="" it="" later="" me="" on<="" scienc="" subject(s)="" td="" the="" this="" to="" want="" will="" work="" worth=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></school>					
	b)	What I learn in my <school science=""> subject(s) is important for me because this for what I want to study later on</school>	I need				\square_4
	c)	I study <school science=""> because I kno is useful for me</school>	ow it			\square_3	\square_4
	d)	Studying my <school science=""> subject(worthwhile for me because what I learn improve my career prospects</school>					
	e)	I will learn many things in my <school science=""> subject(s) that will help me go job</school>					
Q36		In general, how important do the subjects below?		hink it i	s for	you to do	well in
		(Please tick only one box in each	row)				
			Very importani	t Import	ant i	Of little importance	Not important at all
	a)	<school science=""> subjects</school>			2	\square_3	4
	b)	Mathematics subjects			2	\square_3	\Box_4
	c)	<test language=""> subjects</test>			2	$\square_{_3}$	

Q37 The following question asks about your experience in learning <school science> topics.

How much do you agree with the statements below?

(Please tick only one box in each row)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagre
a) Learning advanced <school science=""> topics would be easy for me</school>	\square_1		\square_3	
b) I can usually give good answers to <test questions=""> on <school science=""> topics</school></test>				\square_4
c) I learn <school science=""> topics quickly</school>				
d) <school science=""> topics are easy for me</school>				
e) When I am being taught <school science="">, can understand the concepts very well</school>	I			
f) I can easily understand new ideas in <school science=""></school>	ol $\square_{_1}$		\square_3	

Thank you very much for your co-operation in completing this questionnaire!