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#### **Student Questionnaire**

#### **DIRECTIONS**

In this part of the assessment, you will find questions about yourself, your experiences at school, and your mathematics skills and habits, both in school and out of school. Some questions ask for facts, while others ask for opinions. There are also some questions about assessment in general. Your answers, along with your test results and those of other students, will provide a picture of how students in Canada are doing in school, in general, and in their mathematics courses in particular.

Please read each question carefully and answer as accurately as possible. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. Your answers are confidential, and no one will be able to identify you from these answers.

Most of the questions will be followed by a few choices. For these questions, please answer by checking the box next to or below your choice, as shown in the example below.

#### Example

Check the appropriate box.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I like to listen to music.	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\boxed{\searrow}_3$	$\Box_4$

Thank you for your time, effort, and thought in completing this questionnaire.

1.	Are you male or female?
	Male $\square_1$
	Female $\square_2$
2.	What grade are you in?
	Grade 6 $\square_1$
	Grade 7 (Year 1 of Secondary Cycle 1 – QC) $\square_2$
	Grade 8 (Year 2 of Secondary Cycle 1 – QC) $\square_3$
	Grade 9 (Secondary 3 – QC) $\Box_2$
	Grade 10 (Secondary 4 – QC; Level I – NL) $\Box_5$
3.	Were you born in Canada?
	Yes $\square_1$
	No $\square_2$
4.	What language do you consider to be your first language (the language you first learned and still understand)?
	English $\square_1$
	French $\square_2$
	Aboriginal (e.g., Cree, Inuktitut) $\Box_{\mathfrak{g}}$
	Other (e.g. German Mandarin)

# 5. Which language or languages do you use in each of the following situations?

		English only	Mostly English	French only	Mostly French	English and French equally	English and a language other than French	French and a language other than English	Other
(a)	At home		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$	7	□8
(b)	With friends		$\square_2$		$\square_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$	$\square_7$	□8
(c)	At school, outside the classroom with other students		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	□ <sub>5</sub>	$\Box_6$		
(d)	At school, <b>inside</b> the classroom with other students		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$		
(e)	In your neighbourhood	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	□ <sub>6</sub>	$\square_7$	□8
(f)	With sales people in stores	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	□ <sub>6</sub>	$\Box_7$	□8
(g)	When you read books outside of school	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\Box_5$	□ <sub>6</sub>	$\Box_7$	
(h)	When you read newspapers or magazines outside of school		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\Box_5$	$\Box_6$		
(i)	When you use the computer or Internet outside of school		$\square_2$		$\Box_4$	□ <sub>5</sub>	$\Box_6$		
(j)	When using e- mail or text messaging	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\Box_5$	□ <sub>6</sub>	$\Box_7$	$\square_8$
(k)	When ordering in a restaurant	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	□ <sub>6</sub>	$\Box_7$	
(1)	When you watch television or movies	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$	$\Box_7$	□8

6.	In what language are most of your school subjects taught?
	English $\square_1$
	French $\square_2$
	Aboriginal (e.g., Cree, Inuktitut) $\square_3$
	Other (e.g., German, Mandarin) $\square_4$
7.	Are you of Aboriginal ancestry (for example, at least one of your parents/guardians is of Aboriginal ancestry)? (Note: Aboriginal ancestry refers to First Nations [North American Indian], Inuk [Inuit], and Métis.)
	No, not an Aboriginal person $\square_1$
	Yes, First Nations (North American Indian) $\square_2$
	Yes, Inuk (Inuit) $\square_3$
	Yes, Métis $\square_4$
8.	What is the highest level of education you expect to reach? High-school graduation $\square_1$
	Trades or vocational certificate $\square_2$
	College diploma $\square_3$
	University degree $\square_4$
	Other $\square_5$ I don't know $\square_6$
9.	Which of the following best describes the kind of field in which you would like to work?
	Profession (e.g., nurse, lawyer, teacher) $\square_1$
	Design or engineering (e.g., graphic artist, engineer, architect) $\square_2$
	Information and communication technology (e.g., hardware, software) $\Box_3$
	Business (e.g., business owner, manager, accountant, sales)
	Trades (e.g., carpenter, electrician, hairstylist, chef) $\sqcup_5$
	Other
	I don't know $\square_{7}$

10.	<b>About how many books are there in your home?</b> (Do not count magazines, newspapers, or your school books.)		
	0 to 10 books		]
	11 to 25 books		
	26 to 100 books		]3
	101 to 200 books		
	More than 200 books		]5
11.	About how many of these books are in English or French?		
	All in English		]
	Most in English		]2
	About the same number in English and French		]3
	Most in French		]4
	All in French		]5
	All or most in a language other than English or French		]
12.	What is the highest level of education completed by your mother (or stepmother female guardian)?	or	
	Did not complete high school		]
	Completed high school		]2
	Had some education after high school		]3
	Completed education at a college or cégep		]4
	Had some university education but did not complete a degree		]5
	Completed one or more university degrees		
	I don't know		],
13.	Are you currently in a French immersion program?		
	Yes		1
	No		]2
14.	Have you ever been in an English-as-a-second-language (ESL) program?		
	Yes, I am now		]
	Yes, I have been in the past		_
	No, I have never been		]3

1.	Please check the box that best describes how much you agree or disagree with each of
	the following statements about school.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) I like school.	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(b) My teachers treat me fairly.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_{4}$
(c) My teachers care about me.	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_{4}$
(d) At school, I feel that I belong.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(e) At school, I make friends easily.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$

# 2. Please check the box that best describes how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about mathematics.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) I like doing paper-pencil calculation	s. $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(b) I like problem solving.		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(c) I like doing mental mathematics.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(d) I like estimating.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(e) I like hands-on mathematics activit	ies. $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(f) I understand most of the mathema am taught.	tics I	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(g) The mathematics I learn now will b useful in my everyday life.		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(h) I need to keep taking mathematics the kind of job I want after I leave school.	for $\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(i) Mathematics is boring.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(j) Mathematics is an easy subject.	$\Box_1$		$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(k) I feel nervous when doing mathem	atics. $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(I) Learning mathematics is a waste of	time. $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(m) I like mathematics questions that in a lot of reading.	volve $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(n) I like mathematics questions that d require much reading.	o not $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$

## 3. How confident are you when doing the following mathematics activities?

		$\square_3$ $\square_3$
		$\square_3$
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	$\square_2$	
		$\square_3$
$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
$\Box_1$	$\Box_2$	$\square_3$
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It has increased a little.  $$\Box_2$$  It has not changed.  $$\Box_3$$  It has decreased a little.  $$\Box_4$$  It has decreased a lot.  $$\Box_5$$ 

4.

5.

6.

## 7. If I do well in mathematics in school, it is because of...

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) natural ability.	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(b) good luck.	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(c) working especially hard.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(d) good teaching.	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(e) encouragement from my parents/guardians.		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(f) encouragement from my friends.			$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(g) tutoring outside of school.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$

# 8. If I do poorly in mathematics in school, it is because of...

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) not enough natural ability.	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_{4}$
(b) bad luck.	$\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(c) not working hard enough.	$\Box_1$		$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(d) poor teaching.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(e) no encouragement from my parents/guardians.		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(f) no encouragement from my friends.			$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(g) no help with homework outside of school.			$\square_3$	

# 9. When I encounter difficulty with mathematics, I...

	Rarely or never	Sometimes	Most of the time
(a) give up.	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(b) look for help from my teacher.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(c) look for help from a classmate/friend.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(d) look for help at home.		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(e) try several ways until I find one that works.			$\square_3$
(f) look at the answer, if it is available, to see if that gives me a clue about how to do the work.	$\Box_1$	$\Box_2$	$\square_3$
(g) look for examples in textbooks or notes.			$\square_3$
(h) do a search on the Web.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(i) check a computer help site (tutoring site).			$\square_3$

1.	How many hours in an average week (including the weekend) do you usually spend
	doing each of these activities outside of school hours?

		No time	Less than 1 hour	1 to 2 hours	3 to 4 hours	5 to 6 hours	More than 6 hours
	mathematics-related (e.g., cards, Sudoku, chess)	$\Box_1$			$\Box_4$	$\Box_5$	□ <sub>6</sub>
` '	ports or other school mmunity activities	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$
	g extra help at school, e of regular school	$\Box_{1}$		$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$
(d) Workin tutor	g with a mathematics	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$
	other lessons (e.g., swimming)	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$
(f) Watchi movies	ng television or	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$
(g) Using t texting	he telephone or			$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$
` '	computer for school es (e.g., research, )	$\Box_1$			$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	□ <sub>6</sub>
	computer, video, or lectronic games	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$
person	computer for al reasons (e.g., it, e-mail)	$\Box_1$	$\Box_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$	$\square_5$	$\Box_6$

2.	On average, how much time do you spend in total, each week, on homework in all o
	your school subjects?

Less than 30 minutes	╝
30 minutes to one hour	$\square_2$
One to two hours	$\square_3$
Two to three hours	
More than three hours	$\Box$

	On average, how much time do you spend in total, each week, on mathematics nomework?					
Less	than 30 minutes					
30 m	inutes to one hour					
One	to two hours					
Two	to three hours					
More	than three hours					
How	often are you assigned the following	g types of h	omework?		Т_	
		Rarely or never	A few times a month	A few times a week	Eve alr ev	
(a)	Paper-pencil calculations	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$		
(b)	Problems to solve	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$		
(c)	Projects	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$		
(d)	Creating problems	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$		
(e)	Studying for tests	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$		
(f)	Doing practice tests or quizzes	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$		
(g)	Activities using manipulatives (e.g., base-ten blocks, colour tiles, geometric solids)	$\Box_1$	$\Box_2$	$\square_3$		

classe	s school year, approximately how many dayses to take part in school-related activities? (elural events, etc.)	<del>-</del>	=	_
0 to 2	2 days			🗆
3 to 5	5 days			🗆
6 to 9	9 days			🗆
10 to	14 days			🗆
15 to	20 days			$\Box$
	often do the following occur in your mathem			L
	often do the following occur in your mathem			Often
(a) \	·	natics classes	?	I
(a) \(\frac{1}{2}\)	often do the following occur in your mathem  We lose time because of student	natics classes	?	Often

# 1. In your mathematics classes, how often are you assessed using the following methods?

	Rarely or never	Sometimes	Often
(a) Tests/quizzes	$\square_{1}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(b) Exams		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(c) Portfolios	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(d) Journals		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(e) Self-assessment	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(f) Peer assessment		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(g) Homework		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(h) Group work		$\square_2$	$\square_3$

2.	What do you do when you do not know the answer to a multiple-choice test question?
	I choose the answer that I think is probably the correct one $\Box_1$ I eliminate as many options as possible and then choose the answer that I think is
	probably the correct one $\square_{\mathtt{2}}$
	I skip the question and hope to return to it later $\square_3$
3.	In your mathematics classes, are you required to prepare a portfolio of your work throughout the year?
	Yes $\square_1$
	No $\square_2$
4.	In your mathematics classes, are you required to keep a journal of your work throughout the year?
	Yes $\square_1$
	No $\square_2$
5.	Do you know what a scoring rubric is for marking tests or assignments?
	Yes $\square_1$

No...... $\square_2$ 

6.	Do you sometimes use a rubric when you start an assignment in your mathematics classes?
	Yes $\square_1$
	No $\square_2$
7.	How often are rubrics used for marking tests or assignments in your mathematics classes?
	Rarely or never $\square_1$
	Sometimes $\square_{z}$

# 1. How often do you do the following in your mathematics classroom?

	Rarely or never	Sometimes	Often
(a) Listen to the teacher give explanations	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(b) Watch the teacher do examples	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(c) Teacher-guided investigations	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(d) Solve problems	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(e) Copy notes given by the teacher	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(f) Practise new skills	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(g) Review skills learned	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(h) Work individually on investigations or problems		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(i) Work in groups on investigations or problems	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$		$\square_3$
(j) Share solutions with other students and with the class	$\Box_{1}$		$\square_3$
(k) Use manipulatives (e.g., base-ten blocks, colour tiles, geometric solids)	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(I) Use computer software	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(m) Use calculators	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(n) Have opportunities to reflect on what was learned	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(o) Explain my answers		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(p) Justify my reasoning	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(q) Use my own strategies to solve problems	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$

# 2. How often do you have the following kinds of assignments in your mathematics classes?

	Rarely or never	Sometimes	Often
(a) Questions from textbooks	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(b) Worksheets	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(c) Group work in the classroom	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(d) Individual projects requiring work outside of class			$\square_3$
(e) Group projects requiring work outside of class	$\Box_{1}$		$\square_3$

## 3. Which of the following were part of your early mathematics learning?

		Yes	No	I don't remember
(a)	I was taught to count by saying the numbers.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(b)	I was taught to add by counting.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(c)	I was taught to memorize the multiplication tables.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(d)	I was taught to solve word problems.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(e)	I used materials such as blocks and tiles.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(f)	I filled out worksheets.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(g)	I used a lot of diagrams and pictures.	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$

# 4. How often did you do the following before you started school?

		Rarely or never	Sometimes	Often	I don't remember
(a)	Recited numbers			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(b)	Counted objects	$\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(c)	Formed patterns (e.g., beads, tiles)	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(d)	Sorted objects (e.g., toys)	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(e)	Compared objects (e.g., sizes)	$\Box_{1}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(f)	Identified shapes	$\Box_{1}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(g)	Played board games (e.g., Snakes and Ladders)		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(h)	Played mathematics games (e.g., dominos, cards, dice)	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(i)	Used materials such as blocks and tiles (e.g., Lego)		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(j)	Was drilled on mathematics facts	$\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(k)	Read books about numbers, shapes, or other mathematical ideas		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
(I)	Did problems in a workbook	$\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(m)	Played computer mathematics games	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(n)	Sang number songs		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
(o)	Watched television programs about numbers (e.g., Sesame Street)	$\Box_1$		$\square_3$	$\Box_4$

## 5. How often do you use the following strategies to help you with mathematics?

	Rarely or never	Sometimes	Often
(a) Re-read the problem		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(b) Underline key words		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(c) Create a diagram or picture		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(d) Draw a table, chart, or graph		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(e) Look for examples in textbook or notes		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(f) Model with concrete materials		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(g) Use a calculator		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(h) Ask for help		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(i) Keep trying		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(j) Find a quiet place to work		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(k) Use the Internet		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(I) Work with a mathematics tutor		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(m) Work backwards		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(n) Guess and check		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(o) Make notes		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(p) Look for patterns		$\square_2$	$\square_3$
(q) Use friendly numbers	$\Box_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.