# STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PISA 2015

# PAPER-BASED VERSION FIELD TRIAL VERSION

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Core 6 March 2013 In this questionnaire you will find questions about the following topics:

- You, your family, and your home
- How you think about your life and your health
- Your science learning
- Your view on science

Please read each question carefully and answer as accurately as you can.

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

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

Some questions relate to school science. Please think of all the different subjects and courses in your school that teach content related to broad science. Your school might teach school science in different subjects such as physics, chemistry, biology, Earth and geology, space and astronomy, applied sciences and technology (e.g. technology education), or your school teaches a general or integrated science course.

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.

1. YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR HOME				

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1	What form are you in?
	form

2	Which one of the following programmes are you in?		
	(Please select one response.)		
	General		
	Mixed		

#### 3 On what date were you born?

(Please write in the day, month and year you were born.)

Day	
Month	
Year	

4	Are you ter	male or male?
	(Please selec	ct one response.)
	Female	Male

# What is the highest level of schooling completed by your mother?

If you are not sure which box to choose, please ask the test administrator for help.	
(Please select one response.)	
Form 5 (CSEC/GCE)	
Technical Vocational programme (NEC, pre-technical or craft courses)	
Form 3	
Standard 5	
She did not complete Standard 5	

# Does your mother have any of the following qualifications?

If you are not sure how to answer this question, please ask the test administrator for help.

	Yes	No
Ph.D., Ed.D. (Doctorate)		
B.Sc., B.Ed., B.A., M.Ed., M.Phil., (Bachelor or Master's degree)		
Associate degree, technician programme, Diploma (e.g. ECIAF, COSTATT, Teachers College, John D.)		
Advanced level subjects (CAPE/GCE)		

#### 7 The following two questions concern your mother's job:

(If she is not working now, please tell us her last main job.)
What is your mother's main job? (e.g. school teacher, kitchen-hand, sales manager)
Please write in the job title
What does your mother do in her main job? (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.

# What is the highest level of schooling completed by your father? If you are not sure which box to choose, please ask the test administrator for help. (Please select one response.) Form 5 (CSEC/GCE) Technical Vocational programme (NEC, pre-technical or craft courses) Form 3

He did not complete Standard 5

# 9 Does your father have any of the following qualifications?

If you are not sure how to answer this question, please ask the test administrator for help.

	Yes	No
Ph.D., Ed <u>.D</u> . (Doctorate)		
BSc., B.Ed., B.A., M.Ed., M.Phil., (Bachelor or Master's degree)		
Associate degree, technician programme, Diploma (e.g. ECIAF, COSTATT, Teachers College, John D.)		
Advanced level subjects (CAPE/GCE)		

#### 10 The following two questions concern your father's job:

(If he is not working now, please tell us his last main job.)
What is your father's main job? (e.g. school teacher, kitchen-hand, sales manager)
Please write in the job title
What does your father do in his main job? (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 he does or did in that job.

#### 11 Which of the following are in your home?

	Yes	No
A desk to study at		
A room of your own		
A quiet place to study		
A computer you can use for school work		
Educational software		
A link to the Internet		
Classic literature (e.g. Shakespeare)		
Books of poetry		
Works of art (e.g. paintings)		
Books to help with your school work		
Technical reference books (e.g. computer software manuals, equipment repair and maintenance guides)		
A dictionary		
A DVD player		
Flat screen TV/Plasma TV/LCD TV		
Cable TV/Pay TV/Satellite TV		
Books on art, music, or design		
Dishwasher		
Refrigerator with ice maker		
Camcorder		

#### 12 <u>How many</u> of these are there at your home?

	None	One	Two	Three or more
Televisions				
Cars				
Rooms with a bath or shower				
Cell phones without Internet access				
Cell phones with Internet access (e.g. smartphones)				
Computers (desktop computer, portable laptop, or notebook)				
Tablet computers (e.g. iPad <sup>®</sup> , BlackBerry <sup>®</sup> PlayBook <sup>TM</sup> )				
E-book readers (e.g. Kindle <sup>TM</sup> )				
Musical instruments (e.g. guitar, piano)				

#### How many books are there in your home?

There are usually about 40 books per metre of include magazines, newspapers, or your school (Please select one response.)	v
0-10 books	
11-25 books	
26-100 books	
101-200 books	
201-500 books	
More than 500 books	

#### 14 In what country were you and your parents born?

	You	Mother	Father
Trinidad and Tobago			
Caribbean			
Other country			

15	What language do you speak at home most of the time?		
	(Please select one response.)		
	English		
	Other language		

# Did you attend Kindergarten? (Please select one response.) No

Yes, for one year or less

Yes, for more than one year

17	How old were you when you started primary school?
	(Please write in the appropriate number.)
	Years:

#### 18 Have you ever repeated a form/class?

	No, never	Yes, once	Yes, twice or more
At primary school			
At Form 1, Form 2 or Form 3			
At Form 4 or Form 5			

2. HOW YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR LIFE			

# Thinking about your life: how much do you disagree or agree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
My life is going well.				
My life is just right.				
I would like to change many things in my life.				
I wish I had a different kind of life.				
I have a good life.				
I have what I want in life.				
My life is better than most kids'.				

# Thinking about your school: to what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I feel like an outsider (or left out of things) at school.				
I make friends easily at school.				
I feel like I belong at school.				
I feel awkward and out of place in my school.				
Other students seem to like me.				
I feel lonely at school.				
I feel happy at school.				
Things are ideal in my school.				
I am satisfied with my school.				

cm

21	How tall are you?
	(Please write in the appropriate number.)

22	How much do you weigh?		
	(Please write in the appropriate number.)		

kg

3. YOUR SCIENCE LEARNING	

# Thinking about the teachers at your school: to what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I get along well with most of my teachers.				
Most of my teachers are interested in my well-being.				
Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say.				
If I need extra help, I will receive it from my teachers.				
Most of my teachers treat me fairly.				
My teachers are interested in my school activities.				
My teachers are supportive of my educational efforts and achievements.				
My teachers support me when I am facing difficulties in school.				
My teachers encourage me to be confident.				
My teachers encourage me to learn new skills.				
My teachers give me feedback on my performance in school.				
My teachers suggest ways that I can move forward when I'm stuck.				
My teachers tell me what to do to complete a task and explain why I should do so.				
My teachers give me detailed information and clarification about the				

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learning task and strategies.

My teachers demonstrate particular skills that are important for solving a task.		
My teachers ask me questions to initiate a deeper understanding of the content.		
Students have a voice in decision making at my school.		
Adults at this school listen to students' suggestions.		

# How many class periods per week are you typically required to attend for the following subjects?

(Please write in the number of class periods per week for each subject. Write "0" (zero) if you have none.)

Number of class periods per week in English Language	
Number of class periods per week in mathematics	
Number of class periods per week in science	

# Which of the following school science courses did you attend this school year or last school year?

(Please select all that apply in each row.)

	This year	Last year
Physics		
Chemistry		
Biology		
Earth and space		
Applied sciences and technology (e.g. Technology Education)		
General or integrated science course		

# How often do these things happen in your school science lessons?

	Every lesson	Most lessons	Some lessons	Never or hardly ever
Students don't listen to what the teacher says.				
There is noise and disorder.				
The teacher has to wait a long time for students to quiet down.				
Students cannot work well.				
Students don't start working for a long time after the lesson begins.				

When answering the following questions, please keep one of your current school science courses in mind all the time.

You are free to choose which course this should be.

#### What is the name of this school science course?

(Please write in the name of the course.)

# When learning science topics at school, how often do the following activities occur?

	In all lessons	In most lessons	In some lessons	Never or hardly ever
Students are given opportunities to explain their ideas.				
Students spend time in the laboratory doing practical experiments.				
Students are required to argue about science questions.				
The conclusions of experiments integrate students' argumentations.				
Students are asked to draw conclusions from an experiment they have conducted.				
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).				
Students are allowed to design their own experiments.				
There is a class debate about investigations.				
The teacher clearly explains the relevance of broad science concepts to our lives.				
Students are asked to do an investigation to test ideas.				
Students have the opportunity to repeat experiments and compare observations.				
Students are encouraged to question and critique scientific				

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Students are required to engage in discussions among	arguments made by other students.		
	in discussions among		

### How often do these things happen in your school science lessons?

	Every lesson	Most lessons	Some lessons	Never or hardly ever
The teacher shows an interest in every student's learning.				
The teacher gives extra help when students need it.				
The teacher helps students with their learning.				
The teacher continues teaching until the students understand.				
The teacher gives students an opportunity to express opinions.				

## How often do these things happen in your lessons for this school science course?

(Remember to answer this question in reference to the school science course you indicated earlier.)

	Never or almost never	Some lessons	Many lessons	lesson or almost every lesson
The teacher explains scientific ideas.				
A small group discussion between students takes place.				
A whole class discussion takes place with the teacher.				
Current scientific issues are discussed.				
Students make calculations using scientific formulas.				
The teacher uses an interactive whiteboard.				
Students do their own scientific study and related research.				
The teacher discusses our questions.				
Students carry out practical work.				
Students write up laboratory reports.				
The teacher demonstrates an idea.				
The teacher discusses questions of practical relevance.				
Students read materials from a textbook.				
Students take notes from the board.				

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Students discuss materials from a textbook.		
Students watch videos.		
Students use the Internet.		
The class corrects homework or a test.		
Students fill out worksheets.		
Students present something to		

## How often do these things happen in your lessons for this school science course?

(Remember to answer this question in reference to the school science course you indicated earlier.)

	Never or almost never	Some lessons	Many lessons	lesson or almost every lesson
The teacher tells me how I am performing in this course.				
The teacher gives me feedback on my strengths in this school science subject.				
The teacher tells me in which areas I can still improve.				
The teacher tells me how I can improve my performance.				
The teacher advises me on how to reach my learning goals.				

## This school year or the last school year, have you taken additional instruction in the following subjects?

(Please think of all instruction and study support in-school and out-of-school that you have taken in addition to your required school schedule (e.g. remediation, advanced courses, tutoring). (Please select all that apply.)

School science	
Mathematics	
English Language	
Other	

# Think about your last two sessions in your additional science instruction. How often do these things happen in this additional, non-compulsory science instruction?

	Never or almost never	Some sessions	Many sessions	Every session or almost every session
I concentrate on what's happening in the session (listening to the teacher, reading a textbook, solving problems, etc.)				
I am distracted, working for another course or session (homework, studying for an exam, etc.)				
I am distracted, doing things not related to the session (texting, talking to a peer, daydreaming, etc.)				

Think about your last two sessions in your additional science instruction. About what proportion of time were you not concentrating on things related to this additional science instruction?

(Please write in a percentage of time. Write "0" (zero) if there is none.)

%

Number of sessions:

35	During the last ten sessions of additional science instruction, how many did you skip?			
	(Please write in one response. Write "0" (zero) if you skipped none.)			

3. YOUR VIEW ON SCIENCE	

# How much do you disagree or agree with the statements about yourself below?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I generally have fun when I am learning broad science topics.				
I like reading about broad science.				
I am happy working on broad science topics.				
I enjoy acquiring new knowledge in broad science.				
I am interested in learning about broad science.				

## 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
The increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere				
The use of genetically modified organisms (GMO)				
Acid rain				
Nuclear waste				
The consequences of clearing forests for other land use				
Air pollution				
Energy shortages				
Extinction of plants and animals				
Water shortage				

#### How much do you agree with the statements below?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Making an effort in my school science subject(s) is worth it because this will help me in the work I want to do later on.				
What I learn in my school science subject(s) is important for me because I need this for what I want to do later on.				
Studying my school science subject(s) is worthwhile for me because what I learn will improve my career prospects.				
Many things I learn in my school science subject(s) will help me to get a job.				

39	What kind of job do you expect to have when you are
	about 30 years old?

(Please write in the job title.)\_\_\_\_\_

# Thinking about your school: to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
If I put in enough effort, I can succeed in school.				
It is completely my choice whether or not I do well at school.				
Family demands or other problems prevent me from putting a lot of time into my school work.				
If I had different teachers, I would try harder at school.				
I perform poorly at school whether or not I study for my exams.				

# 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't do this
Recognise the science question that underlies a newspaper report on a health issue.				
Explain why earthquakes occur more frequently in some areas than in others.				
Describe the role of antibiotics in the treatment of disease.				
Identify the science question associated with the disposal of garbage.				
Predict how changes to an environment will affect the survival of certain species.				
Interpret the scientific information provided on the labelling of food items.				
Discuss how new evidence can lead you to change your understanding about the possibility of life on Mars.				
Identify the better of two explanations for the formation of acid rain.				

## How much do you disagree or agree with the statements below?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
A good way to know if something is true is to do an experiment.				
Some ideas in broad science today are different than what scientists used to think.				
Ideas in broad science sometimes change.				
Good answers are based on evidence from many different experiments.				
There are some questions that scientists cannot answer.				
It is good to try experiments more than once to make sure of your findings.				
New discoveries can change what scientists think is true.				
Sometimes broad science scientists change their minds about what is true in science.				
It is good to have an idea before I start an experiment.				
One important part of broad science is doing experiments to come up with ideas about how things work.				
The ideas in books about broad science sometimes change.				
In broad science, there can be more than one way for scientists to test their ideas.				

#### How much do you agree with the statements below?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Advances in broad science and technology usually improve people's living conditions.				
Broad science is important for helping us to understand the natural world.				
Some concepts in broad science help me see how I relate to other people.				
Advances in broad science and technology usually help improve the economy.				
I will use broad science in many ways when I am an adult.				
Broad science is valuable to society.				
Broad science is very relevant to me.				
I find that broad science helps me to understand the things around me.				
Advances in broad science and technology usually bring social benefits.				
When I leave school there will be many opportunities for me to use broad science.				

# How much do you disagree or agree with the statements about the use of new technologies (e.g. tablet computer, smartphone, Blu-ray Player) below?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I am curious about new technologies.				
Using new technologies stresses me.				
I find it difficult to use new technologies – I do not know how to make them work.				
It is up to me whether I can use new technologies or not – it has nothing to do with luck.				
I am always interested in using the latest technological devices.				
When I am using new technologies, I am afraid of failing.				
When I have problems with technologies, it is up to me whether I solve them or not.				
If I had the opportunity, I would use technological devices more frequently than now.				
I worry that I will break new technological devices rather than use them in the right way.				
It is up to me whether I succeed in using new technology or not.				
The outcome of my use of new technologies depends on me alone.				
I quickly take pleasure in new technologies.				

# Thank you very much for your cooperation in completing this questionnaire!