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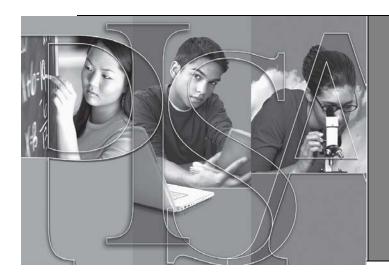


Malta

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Student Questionnaire

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In this questionnaire you will find questions about the following topics:

- You, your family, and your home
- How you think about your life
- 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 science. Please think of all the different subjects and courses in your school that teach content related to science. Your school might teach science in different subjects such as physics, chemistry, biology, Earth and geology, space and astronomy, applied sciences and technology (e.g. Design and Technology), or your school teaches a general, integrated, or comprehensive science course (e.g. Integrated Science).

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 YO	UR HON	ИE	

ST001	What year are you in?
	Year

ST002 Which one of the following courses are you in?

Year 7, Year 8 or Year 9 College Secondary School, Church School or Independent School	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$
Year 10 or Year 11 College Secondary School, Church School or Independent School	\square_2
Junior Lyceum programme	\square_3
Area Secondary programme	4
Higher Secondary School 'O' Level course	₅
Junior College, Sixth Form, Higher Secondary School 'A' Level course	
MCAST and ITS, Introductory Certificate Course Level 1	7
MCAST and ITS, Foundation Certificate Course Level 2 and Diploma Level 3	8
MCAST and ITS, Diploma Level 4	□ ₉
Junior College, Sixth Form, Higher Secondary School, MATSEC course	

ST003 On what date were you born?

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

Day	
Month	
Year	

ST004	Are you fer	male or male?
	(Please selec	t one response.)
	Female	Male

 \square_1 \square_2

ST005 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.

Obtained at least 5 SEC examinations at Grades 1 to 7	\Box_1
Obtained a Certificate from vocational and technical schools (MCAST / ITS / Technical Institutes / Vocational Schools)	
Secondary school	\square_3
Primary school	\square_4
She did not complete primary school	5

ST006 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
Doctoral degree / PhD		\square_2
Master's / Bachelor's degree or Undergraduate Certificate / Diploma		
Higher National Diploma or a Vocational Education and Training (VET) degree		
Obtained MATSEC Certificate or a Vocational Education and Training (VET) National Diploma or a comparable qualification		\square_2

ST009 What is your mother currently doing?

Working full-time for pay	
Working part-time for pay	
Not working but looking for a job	\square_3
Other (e.g. home duties, retired)	\Box_4

ST014 The following two questions concern your mother's job:

•	r mother's main job? teacher, kitchen-hand, sales manager)
Please wri	ite in the job title
(e.g. teaches	your mother do in her main job? secondary school students, helps the cook prepare meals in a nanages a sales team)
	a sentence to describe the kind of work she does or did

ST007 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.

Obtained at least 5 SEC examinations at Grades 1 to 7	
Obtained a Certificate from vocational and technical schools (MCAST / ITS / Technical Institutes / Vocational Schools)	\square_2
Secondary school	\square_3
Primary school	\square_{4}
He did not complete primary school	

ST008 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
Doctoral degree / PhD		\square_2
Master's / Bachelor's degree or Undergraduate Certificate / Diploma		
Higher National Diploma or a Vocational Education and Training (VET) degree		
Obtained MATSEC Certificate or a Vocational Education and Training (VET) National Diploma or a comparable qualification		\square_2

ST010 What is your father currently doing?

Working full-time for pay	
Working part-time for pay	\square_2
Not working but looking for a job	3
Other (e.g. home duties, retired)	\Box_4

ST015 The following two questions concern your father's job:

•	ur father's main job? I teacher, kitchen-hand, sales manager)
Please wi	rite in the job title
(e.g. teache	your father do in his main job? es secondary school students, helps the cook prepare meals in a manages a sales team)
Please us that job.	e a sentence to describe the kind of work he does or did it

ST011 Which of the following are in your home?

	Yes	No
A desk to study at		\square_2
A room of your own		\square_2
A quiet place to study		\square_2
A computer you can use for school work		\square_2
Educational software		\square_2
A link to the Internet		\square_2
Classic literature (e.g. Shakespeare)		\square_2
Books of poetry		\square_2
Works of art (e.g. paintings)		\square_2
Books to help with your school work		\square_2
Technical reference books	\square_1	\square_2
A dictionary	\square_1	\square_2
Books on art, music, or design	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	\square_2
Photovoltaic panels	\Box_1	\square_2
Summer residence	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	\square_2
Swimming pool		

ST012 How many of these are there at your home?

	None	One	Two	Three or more
Televisions		\square_2	3	4
Cars		\square_2	\square_3	4
Rooms with a bath or shower		\square_2	\square_3	4
Mobile phones with Internet access (e.g. smartphones)		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Computers (desktop computer, portable laptop, or notebook)		\square_2	\square_3	4
Tablet computers (e.g. iPad [®] , BlackBerry [®] PlayBook TM)		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
E-book readers (e.g. Kindle TM , Kobo, Bookeen)			\square_3	\square_4
Musical instruments (e.g. guitar, piano)		\square_2	\square_3	4

ST013 How many books are there in your home?

There are usually about 40 books per metre of shelving. Do not include magazines, newspapers, or your schoolbooks.
(Please select one response.)

0-10 books	
11-25 books	\square_2
26-100 books	\square_3
101-200 books	4
201-500 books	\square_5
More than 500 books	

ST019 In what country were you and your parents born?

	You	Mother	Father
Malta			
Another country within the European Union	\square_{2}	\square_2	
A European country that is not a member of the European Union	\square_3	\square_3	\square_3
A North African (Maghreb) country	\Box_4	\square_4	\square_4
A Sub-Saharan African country		₅	
Other country	\Box_6	6	

ST022 What language do you speak at home most of the time?

Maltese	
English	
Another European Union language	\square_3
A non-European Union language	

ST124 Did you attend kindergarten?

No	
Yes, for one year or less	
Yes, for more than one year	\square_3

ST126	How old were you when you started primary school?
	(Please write in the appropriate number.)
	Years:

ST127 Have you ever repeated a year?

	No, never	Yes, once	Yes, twice or more
At primary school		\square_2	\square_3
In Year 7, Year 8 or Year 9		\square_2	\square_3
In Year 10 or Year 11			\square_3

2. HOW YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR LIFE	

T114	What kind of job do you expect to have when you are about 30 years old?
	(Please write in the job title.)

ST034 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.			\square_3	\square_4
I make friends easily at school.			\square_3	4
I feel like I belong at school.			\square_3	4
I feel awkward and out of place in my school.		\square_2	\square_3	4
Other students seem to like me.			\square_3	4
I feel lonely at school.	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$			

3. YOUR SCIENCE LEARNING	

ST059 How many lessons per week are you typically <u>required</u> to attend for the following subjects?

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

Number of lessons per week in English	
Number of lessons per week in mathematics	
Number of lessons per week in science	

ST063 Which of the following science subjects did you attend this school year or last school year?

(Please select all that apply in each row.)

	This year	Last year
Physics	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$
Chemistry	\square_1	
Biology		
Earth and space		\square_1
Applied sciences and technology (e. g. Design and Technology)		
General, integrated, or comprehensive science subject (e. g. Integrated Science)		

ST097 How often do these things happen in your science lessons?

	Every lesson	Most lessons	Some lessons	Never or hardly ever
Students don't listen to what the teacher says.			\square_3	\Box_4
There is noise and disorder.	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	4
The teacher has to wait a long time for students to quiet down.			\square_3	\square_4
Students cannot work well.		\square_2	\square_3	4
Students don't start working for a long time after the lesson begins.			\square_3	\Box_4

ST098 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.	\Box_1		\square_3	4
Students spend time in the laboratory doing practical experiments.	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Students are required to argue about science questions.		\square_2	\square_3	4
Students are asked to draw conclusions from an experiment they have conducted.	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
The teacher explains how a science idea can be applied to a number of different phenomena (e.g. the movement of objects, substances with similar properties).	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
Students are allowed to design their own experiments.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
There is a class debate about investigations.		\square_2	\square_3	4
The teacher clearly explains the relevance of science concepts to our lives.	\Box_1		\square_3	\square_4
Students are asked to do an investigation to test ideas.		\square_2	\square_3	4

When answering the following questions, please keep one of your current science subjects in mind all the time. You are free to choose which subject this should be.

What is the name of this science subject?

(Please write in the name of the subject.)

ST100 How often do these things happen in your science lessons?

	Every lesson	Most lessons	Some lessons	Never or hardly ever
The teacher shows an interest in every student's learning.		\square_2	\square_3	4
The teacher gives extra help when students need it.		\square_2	\square_3	4
The teacher helps students with their learning.		\square_2	\square_3	4
The teacher continues teaching until the students understand.		\square_2	\square_3	4
The teacher gives students an opportunity to express opinions.			\square_3	4

ST103 How often do these things happen in your lessons for this science subject?

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

	Never or almost never	Some lessons	Many lessons	Every lesson or almost every lesson
The teacher explains scientific ideas.			\square_3	4
A whole class discussion takes place with the teacher.			\square_3	4
The teacher discusses our questions.			\square_3	4
The teacher demonstrates an idea.			\square_3	4

ST104 How often do these things happen in your lessons for this science subject?

(Remember to answer this question in reference to the science subject 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.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
The teacher gives me feedback on my strengths in this science subject.		\square_2	\square_3	
The teacher tells me in which areas I can still improve.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
The teacher tells me how I can improve my performance.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
The teacher advises me on how to reach my learning goals.		\square_2		4

3.	YOUR	VIEW O	N SCIENC	CE		

ST092 How informed are you about the following environmental issues?

	I have never heard of this	about this but I would not be able to explain what it is really about	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		\square_2	\square_3	
The use of genetically modified organisms (GMO)			\square_3	\square_{4}
Nuclear waste		\square_2	\square_3	4
The consequences of clearing forests for other land use		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_{4}
Air pollution		\square_2	\square_3	4
Extinction of plants and animals		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Water shortage		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4

ST094 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 science topics.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
I like reading about science.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
I am happy working on science topics.		\square_2	\square_3	4
I enjoy acquiring new knowledge in science.		\square_2	\square_3	4
I am interested in learning about science.		\square_2	\square_3	4

ST113 How much do you agree with the statements below?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Making an effort in my science subject(s) is worth it because this will help me in the work I want to do later on.	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$		\square_3	\Box_4
What I learn in my science subject(s) is important for me because I need this for what I want to do later on.			\square_3	\Box_4
Studying my science subject(s) is worthwhile for me because what I learn will improve my career prospects.			\square_3	\square_4
Many things I learn in my science subject(s) will help me to get a job.	\Box_1		\square_3	\square_4

ST129 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.	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$		\square_3	\Box_4
Explain why earthquakes occur more frequently in some areas than in others.			\square_3	4
Describe the role of antibiotics in the treatment of disease.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Identify the science question associated with the disposal of garbage.			\square_3	\square_4
Predict how changes to an environment will affect the survival of certain species.			\square_3	4
Interpret the scientific information provided on the labelling of food items.			\square_3	\square_4
Discuss how new evidence can lead you to change your understanding about the possibility of life on Mars.	$\Box_{\mathtt{1}}$		\square_3	\Box_4
Identify the better of two explanations for the formation of acid rain.			\square_3	4

ST131 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.	$\square_{\mathtt{1}}$	\square_2	\square_3	4
Ideas in science sometimes change.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Good answers are based on evidence from many different experiments.			\square_3	\Box_4
It is good to try experiments more than once to make sure of your findings.			\square_3	4
Sometimes scientists change their minds about what is true in science.			\square_3	
The ideas in science books sometimes change.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

