



**Monitoring Trends in  
Educational Growth**

**Class 6 Student Questionnaire  
prepared in 2013 for the  
Ministry of Education, Afghanistan**

**Source version - English**

**This questionnaire was completed by each student after  
finishing the cognitive tasks.**

The ACER Centre for Global Education Monitoring supports the monitoring of educational outcomes worldwide, holding the view that the systematic and strategic collection of data on education outcomes, and factors related to those outcomes, is required to inform high quality policy aimed at improving educational progress for all learners.

In this section you will find questions about:

- You
- Your Family
- Your Schooling
- Your Interests

Please read each question carefully and answer as accurately as you can. In the test you usually circle your answers. For this questionnaire, you will normally answer by ticking one box only For example:

What is your sex?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Boy
- Girl

Some questions require you to tick all boxes that apply to you. For example.

Which of the following do you have?

*Please fill all circles that apply. If an item is broken at present but can be mended, fill in the circle next to it.*

- a) Pencil
- b) Pencil sharpener
- c) Pencil eraser
- d) Ruler
- e) Pen
- f) School bag
- g) Calculator
- h) Mathematics textbook
- i) <Test language> textbook
- j) Islamic studies textbook
- k) Holy Quran
- l) Computer/notebook

If you make a mistake, cross out your error and tick the correct box or 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 the teacher for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer a question.

**All your answers will be kept confidential.**

---

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

---

### Question 1

ST01Q01

How old are you?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- 11 or younger
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15 or older

---

### Question 2

ST02Q01

What is your sex?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Boy
- Girl

---

### Question 3

ST03Q01

Which language do you speak at home most of the time?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Dari
- Pashto (Pakhto or Afghani)
- Another language

---

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAY DURING THE SCHOOL WEEK

---

### Question 4

ST04Q01

Where do you live?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- With my parents
- Elsewhere (e.g. hostel/with other family members)

---

**Questions 5 to 8 are about the place where you stay during the school week which you selected in Question 4.**

---

### Question 5

ST06Q01

How long does it take for you to come to school each day?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Less than 30 minutes
- 30 minutes to 1 hour
- 1 to 2 hours
- More than 2 hours

---

### Question 6

ST07Q01

How safe do you feel on your way to school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Not safe
- Partly safe
- Moderately safe
- Very safe
- Extremely safe

---

**Question 7**

ST08Q01

On a normal school day, how do you travel to school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- I travel in a car or on a scooter/motorbike
- I travel in a bus
- I walk
- I ride a bike
- Other (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

---

**Question 8**

ST10Q01

How many books are in your home that are **not** school books, newspapers or magazines?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- There are no books
- 1-10 books
- 11-30 books
- 31-50 books
- 51-100 books
- 101 or more books

---

**Question 9**

ST11Q01

In your home, what is the main source of lighting by which you can read?

*Please fill one circle only*

- There is no lighting
- Candle
- Kerosene or oil lamp
- Gas lamp
- Electric lighting
- Solar lamp

---

**Question 10**

ST12Q01

Which of the following things can be found **in your home**?

*Please fill all circles that apply. If an item is broken at present but can be mended, fill in the circle next to it.*

- a) Daily newspaper
- b) Weekly or monthly magazine
- c) Radio
- d) Television
- e) Video player (VCR)
- f) Cassette player
- g) DVD player
- h) Mobile phone
- i) Refrigerator/freezer
- j) Car
- k) Motorcycle
- l) Bicycle
- m) Piped water
- n) Electricity (mains, generator, solar)
- o) Desk
- p) Computer / laptop

---

**Question 11**

ST13Q01

What is the surface (covering) of the **floor** in your home?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Earth or clay with or without covering
- Canvas
- Wooden planks
- Rugs
- Cement
- Carpet/tiles (plastic, ceramic or wooden)

---

**Question 12**

ST14Q01

What are the **outside walls** of your home **mostly** made of?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Cardboard/plastic sheeting/canvas
- Reeds/sticks/grass thatch
- Stones/mudbricks
- Metal or asbestos sheets
- Wood (planks or timber)
- Cut stone/concrete blocks/bricks

---

**Question 13**

ST15Q01

What is the **roof** of your home **mostly** made of?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Cardboard/plastic sheeting/canvas
- Grass thatch and mud
- Metal or asbestos sheets
- Cement or concrete
- Tiles

---

**Question 14**

ST17Q01

On a normal school day, how many meals a day do you have?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- 1 meal
- 2 meals
- 3 meals or more



*If you have received free food (e.g. cooking oil, biscuits, a sack of flour, milk, rice) since the beginning of this school year at your school, please answer the following questions:*

---

**Question 15**

ST18VBQ01

Since the beginning of this school year, how often have you received free food at your school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Did not occur
  - 1-2 times during the year
  - 3-4 times during the year
  - Once a month
  - Once a week
  - More than once a week
- 

**Question 16**

ST19Q01

What food have you received?

*Please fill all circles that apply.*

- Cooking oil
- Biscuits
- Wheat
- Other (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

---

## Questions about your parents or guardians

---

### Question 17

ST20Q01

What is the **highest** level of education that your mother (or female guardian) has completed?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Grade 6 or lower
- Grade 7-9
- Grade 10-12
- Grade 13-14
- University degree
- Home Islamic education
- I do not know
- I do not have a mother or female guardian or my mother has died

---

### Question 18

ST21Q01

What is the **highest** level of education that your father (or male guardian) has completed?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Grade 6 or lower
- Grade 7-9
- Grade 10-12
- Grade 13-14
- University degree
- Home Islamic education
- I do not know
- I do not have a father or male guardian or my father has died

---

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOLING

---

### Question 19

ST22Q01

Have you ever repeated a grade?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Yes
- No

---

### Question 20

ST24Q01

Which of the following do you have?

*Please fill all circles that apply. If an item is broken at present but can be mended, fill in the circle next to it.*

- a) Pencil
- b) Pencil sharpener
- c) Pencil eraser
- d) Ruler
- e) Pen
- f) School bag
- g) Calculator
- h) Mathematics textbook
- i) <Test language> textbook
- j) Islamic studies textbook
- k) Holy Quran
- l) Computer/notebook

---

**Question 21**

ST26Q01

How much time do you typically spend per week studying the following subjects in regular lessons at school?

*Please fill the appropriate circle in each row. Do not count any extra tuition you attend.*

	<i>No time</i>	<i>Less than 2 lessons a week</i>	<i>2 – 3 lessons a week</i>	<i>4 – 5 lessons a week</i>	<i>6 or more lessons a week</i>
a) Mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) <Test language>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

---

**Question 22**

ST27Q01

Did you attend a community-based school before coming to this school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- No
- Yes

---

**Question 23**

ST28Q01

What age did you first start going to school?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- 6 years or younger
- 7-8 years
- 9 years or older

---

**Question 24**

ST29Q01

What's the **highest** level of education you **expect to complete**?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- Grade 6
- Grade 9
- Grade 12
- Grade 14
- A university degree

---

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HOMEWORK

---

### Question 25

ST30Q01

How often are you given homework by your school teacher in each of the following subjects?

*Please fill the appropriate circle in each row.*

	<i>I am not given any homework</i>	<i>Once or twice a month</i>	<i>Once a week</i>	<i>Everyday</i>
a) Mathematics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Reading in <test language>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Writing in <test language>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

---

### Question 26

ST32Q01

How often does a person **other than your teacher** help you with your homework?

*Please fill one circle only.*

- I do not get any homework
- Never
- Sometimes
- Most of the time

---

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

---

### Question 27

ST36Q01

Thinking about the teacher who taught your most recent mathematics class, to what extent do you agree with the following statements?

*Please fill only one circle in each row.*

	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
a) My teacher gets students to listen to him or her.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) My teacher keeps the class orderly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) My teacher starts lessons on time.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) My teacher has to wait a long time for students to <quiet down>.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

---

**Question 28**

ST37Q01

Thinking about your school, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

*Please fill only one circle in each row.*

	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
a) School is a waste of time.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I make friends easily at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I feel like I belong at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I like learning at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Things are ideal in my school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I feel happy at school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) I have learnt things at school that are useful.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) I am satisfied with my school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

---

**Question 29**

ST38Q01

How much do you agree or disagree with these statements about **reading**?*Please fill only one circle in each row.*

	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
a) I read only if I have to.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Reading is one of my favourite hobbies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I like talking about things I read with other people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I find it hard to finish when I read something.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I feel happy if I receive something to read (e.g. book, magazine) as a present.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) For me, reading is a waste of time.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) I enjoy going to a bookstore or a library.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) I read only to get information that I need.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) I cannot sit still and read for more than a few minutes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j) I like to express my opinions about things I have read.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k) I like to exchange reading materials with my friends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



---

**Question 30**

ST39Q01

What materials do you read?

*Please fill all circles that apply.*

- a) Holy Quran
- b) Fiction books
- c) Textbooks for school
- d) Non-fiction books
- e) Magazines
- f) Comic books
- g) Newspapers
- h) Online materials

---

**Question 31**

ST40Q01

How supportive are the following people of you attending school?

*Please fill only one circle in each row.*

- |   | <i>Not<br/>supportive</i> | <i>Partly<br/>supportive</i> | <i>Moderately<br/>supportive</i> | <i>Very<br/>supportive</i> | <i>Extremely<br/>supportive</i> |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a) My mother  | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/>           |
| b) My father  | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/>           |
| c) Other members of my<br>family                        | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/>           |
| d) My friends   | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/>           |
| e) The community where I live<br>(e.g. village, suburb) | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/>           |
| f) My teachers.   | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>        | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/>           |

---

**Question 32**

ST41Q01

How much do you agree or disagree with these statements about **mathematics**?

*Please fill only one circle in each row.*

	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagre e</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
a) I am interested in mathematics lessons more than in any other lessons.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I would be happy to drop mathematics if I could.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I enjoy reading about mathematics.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I plan to do as much mathematics as possible during my education.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I enjoy doing mathematics problems and puzzles outside mathematics lessons.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I look forward to my mathematics lessons.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

***You have completed all the questions. Thank you.***