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Korean Assessment of the Key Competencies of Youth in 2009 (for Elementary Students)

Dear Students,

The National Youth Policy Institute (NYPI), a government-funded research foundation under the Office of the Prime Minister, is devoted to a wide range of research studies and policies developed in relation to children and youth.

As part of the above research studies, this survey aims to provide promotional measures for a capacity-based learning system, following a diagnosis of the competency level of South Korean youth.

All of your responses will be kept confidential and will not be accessed by a third party, including your teachers or schools. Your honest and sincere opinions will serve as valuable data as we develop and formulate substantial policies for children and youth. Please answer the following questions honestly and accurately, making sure to fully reflect your opinions on NYPI's policies.

Thank you very much for your time and participation.

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I . The following section concerns general matters. Please check (✓) the appropriate items.

1. Gender: ① male ② female

2. Please indicate **all family members** you live with.

※ Include family members who are away for work and/or studies, exclude those who have married and moved to a new home.

1) (maternal) grandfather 2) (maternal) grandmother 3) father 4) mother
5) siblings 6) other relatives 7) other non-relatives_____ 8) none

3. How many siblings do you have?

I am the ___ 1st ___ 2nd ___ 3rd ___ (other) born among (how many) _____ brothers and/or _____ sisters

4. What is the farthest academic level of achievement that your parents completed? (Regard drop-out as graduation.)

	No schooling	Elementary School	Middle school	High school	2-3-year college	4-year university	Graduate school (MA, PhD)
(1) Father	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦
(2) Mother	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦

5. Are your parents working?

Classification	Presence of Occupation	
	No	Yes
(1) Father	①	②
(2) Mother	①	②

6. What is the economic status of your family?

Very poor <----- Average -----> Very rich						
①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦

7. Where do you live?

(____) city/province (____) city/gun/gu (____) gu (____) dong/eup/myeun

※ For example, if you live in Seoul Seocho-gu please write: (**Seoul**) city/province, (**Seocho**) si/gun/gu, or (**Woomyeun**) dong/eup/myeun. Or if you live in South Chungcheong Province Asan-si please write: (South Chungcheong) city/province, (**Asan**) si/gun/gu, or (**Baebang**) dong/eup/myeun

8. What is your present academic performance level in the following categories (1st semester, 2009)?

※ please answer the following questions accurately and honestly. The information you provide is confidential.

※ please check the item **“Didn’t learn” if you didn’t learn English.**

Level	Very poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very good	Didn’t learn
(1) Korean	①	②	③	④	⑤	
(2) English	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥
(3) Math	①	②	③	④	⑤	
(4) Social Studies	①	②	③	④	⑤	
(5) Science	①	②	③	④	⑤	

9. Do either you or your family have the following items?

9-1) cars

① no ② 1 ③ 2 ④ more than 3

9-2) your own room

① yes ② no

9-3) books (excluding magazines, newspapers, comic books, textbooks, or reference materials.)

③ 0-10 books ③ 11-25 books ③ 26-100 books
 ③ 101-200 books ③ 201-500 books ⑥ more than 501 books

10. How often do you participate in the following activities with your parents?

Classification	Rarely	1-2 a week	3-4 a week	5-6 a week	Every day
(1) Talk about my concerns	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) Talk about school	①	②	③	④	⑤
(3) Talk about books, TV, or movies	①	②	③	④	⑤
(4) Talk about politics or social issues	①	②	③	④	⑤
(5) Leisure activities	①	②	③	④	⑤
(6) Dine together	①	②	③	④	⑤

11. What do you think of your current health condition?

- ① very bad ② bad ③ average
④ good ⑤ very good ⑥ not sure

12. How often do you exercise (at least 30 minutes), not including exercises during physical education in school?

- ① almost never ② 1-2 times a week ③ 3-4 times a week
④ 5-6 times a week ⑤ every day

13. How much time per day do you spend reading (excluding textbooks or reference materials)?

- ① none ② under 30 minutes ③ 30 minutes-1 hour
④ 1-2 hours ⑤ more than 2 hours

II. This section concerns your school life. Please check (✓) the appropriate items.

14. How satisfied are you with your school?

- ① very unsatisfied ② unsatisfied ③ average
④ satisfied ⑤ very satisfied

15. Please check (✓) each of the appropriate items.

Content	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
(1) Class is fun.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) Our opinions are well reflected.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(3) I would like to transfer to another school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(4) Our school provides a supportive environment to study.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(5) Our school has strict regulations.	①	②	③	④	⑤

16. In the last year, how often have you experienced the following?

Classification	never	1-2 times	3-4 times	5 or more
(1) Temporary absences from school	①	②	③	④
(2) Tardiness	①	②	③	④
(3) Absence without leave	①	②	③	④
(4) Community service (inside or outside school) or a disciplinary punishment such as suspension	①	②	③	④

17. Have you chosen your future career?

- ① I haven't set my mind on anything yet.
② I'm not sure, but I have a rough idea on my career.
③ I have a definite career in mind.

III. These question concerns social relationships. Please check (✓) the appropriate items.

18. What is your attitude when you talk to other people? Please check (✓) each of the appropriate items.

Item	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
(1) I am attentive to other people.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) I try to listen to people by putting myself in their position.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(3) I ask them a question to know exactly what they mean when I don't completely understand them.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(4) I express with words or actions that I am listening to them with interest.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(5) I make eye contact as they talk to me.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(6) I listen to them without being emotionally biased and I don't judge them based on what they say.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(7) I listen to them while examining their body language or facial expressions.	①	②	③	④	⑤

19. To what degree do you think we should allow the following people to immigrate into our country? Please check (✓) each of the appropriate items.

Item	never	a little	to some degree	as many as possible	not sure
(1) Overseas Korean descendents (e.g.; <u>ethnic Koreans in the post-Soviet states</u> , Korean Chinese)	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) Foreign nationals other than ethnic Koreans	①	②	③	④	⑤
(3) People from poor countries	①	②	③	④	⑤

20. When you face a problem, how do you respond to it? Please check (✓) the appropriate items.

Item	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
(1) I tend to think about what prevents the problem from being solved.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) I tend to think about various ways to address the problem.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(3) I tend to think about why I am motivated to solve the problem.	①	②	③	④	⑤

① never ② less than once a month

③ once a month ④ several times a month

⑤ once a week ⑥ several times a week

⑦ every day ⑧ I don't know

[illegible]

① none ② almost none ③ a little
④ very much ⑤ I don't know

[illegible][illegible]

IV. This section concerns information about network technology. Please check (✓) the appropriate items.

26. How often do you use the computer for the following purposes?

Classification	never	more than once a month	more than once a week	more than once a day
(1) Word processing and editing using Hangul	①	②	③	④
(2) Calculation table using Excel	①	②	③	④
(3) PowerPoint and Photoshop using pictures and presentation data creation	①	②	③	④
(4) Creation of programs in computer languages	①	②	③	④
(5) Schedule management	①	②	③	④
(6) Watching a movie (CD or DVD) and information gathering	①	②	③	④
(7) Playing computer games (except Internet games)	①	②	③	④

27. In the past month, how often have you used the Internet for the following purposes?

Classification	never	more than once a month	more than once a week	more than once a day
(1) Exchange e-mails with friends and teachers	①	②	③	④
(2) Participation in chats, messengers, opinion boards, posting comments, or participation in online discussions (including the classroom electronic boards)	①	②	③	④
(3) Purchasing from online shopping or searching related information	①	②	③	④
(4) Participating regularly in online learning programs	①	②	③	④
(5) Listening to music (songs) or downloading (including listening to radio)	①	②	③	④

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| 2) Birth rate is | increasing | decreasing | I don't know |
| 3) Average life span is | increasing | decreasing | I don't know |
| 4) The number of students is | increasing | decreasing | I don't know |
| 5) Marrying age is | increasing | decreasing | I don't know |
| 6) Women's participation in the economy is | increasing | decreasing | I don't know |
| 7) The number of multicultural families is | increasing | decreasing | I don't know |

30. This section concerns changes in Korea due to its increasing population. Please check (✓) the most appropriate item.

The birthrate in Korea is decreasing \Rightarrow ? \Rightarrow the amount of taxes I pay is increasing.

- ① Household spending is decreasing. ② The number of students is decreasing.
③ The number of workers is decreasing ④ The number of children is decreasing.

VI. Please read the following questions and check (✓) the items that most closely reflect your opinion.

31 Please read the suggested items below.

Item	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
(1) I know about Korean customs and traditions that have been handed down by our forefathers.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) I know what is happening in the world.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(3) I know about the moral standards of our society.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(4) I know what my roles are.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(5) When faced with a problem, I act only after comparing and studying several options.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(6) I plan ahead and proceed with that plan in a desirable direction.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(7) I revise my plans after thinking about them.	①	②	③	④	⑤

(8) I act in such a way that will be useful for my future rather than my present.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(9) I think in advance about the consequences of my actions.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(10) I also think about the bad results that my actions might bring.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(11) I know what impact my actions have on others.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(12) My unintended actions cause people to misunderstand me.	①	②	③	④	⑤

32. How often do you hear the following comments from other people? Please check (✓) each of the items that you agree with.

content	very rarely	rarely	normal	often	very often
(1) My friends often say that I am mature.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) My teacher says that I am reliable.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(3) My parents say that I am immature.	①	②	③	④	⑤

33. **To what degree** do you think you perform the following actions? Please check (✓) the appropriate items.

Content	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
(1) I have goals that I want to achieve in my life.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) I use resources (information) that are helpful for me to achieve my goals.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(3) I collect information related to my goals before setting them up.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(4) I plan what I should do on my own.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(5) I make a plan that I can carry out.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(6) I make a specific plan to achieve my goals.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(7) Although I often find it difficult to do what I have to do, I complete what I have to do.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(8) Whatever I do, I complete it on my own.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(9) I don't tend to concentrate on one task for a long time.	①	②	③	④	⑤

(10) I tend to evaluate how well I did on what I planned.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(11) I review the results of my behavior and notice that what I did was what I wanted.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(12) I evaluate the results of my work and learn from them when I make my next plan.	①	②	③	④	⑤

34. Please read the following items and check (√) the item that most closely reflects your opinion.

Content	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
(1) I know what I like (to do).	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) I know what I hate (to do).	①	②	③	④	⑤
(3) I know what I am interested in (work).	①	②	③	④	⑤
(4) Although there are many things I would like to do, I realize that I cannot do them all.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(5) I know that I sometimes have to give up one thing in order to choose another.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(6) I first understand the prevailing situation before I make a claim.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(7) I know what my rights are.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(8) I claim my rights in the most appropriate way.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(9) I claim my rights based on clear rationale.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(10) I act very carefully even when I am in a difficult situation.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(11) I look for cases that will be useful for me before making a claim.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(12) I listen to others' opinions in order to reach a conclusion that satisfies everyone.	①	②	③	④	⑤

☆ Please make sure to completely answer all of the questions.

Thank you very much for your participation. ☆