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## **Korean Assessment of the Key Competencies of Youth in 2009 (for Secondary 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 \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_ (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

14. In the past year, have you participated in the following groups or organizations?

Classification	No	Yes	No response
(1) Sports groups (basketball, tennis club, etc.)	①	②	③
(2) Groups for culture, education, or hobby (theater club, reading club, game club, etc.)	①	②	③
(3) Volunteering societies	①	②	③
(4) Regional meetings or community meetings	①	②	③
(5) Religious groups	①	②	③
(6) Political groups	①	②	③
(7) Other groups	①	②	③

15. In the past year, have you volunteered for the following activities?

Classification	No	Yes	No response
(1) Fundraising	①	②	③
(2) Served as a committee member	①	②	③
(3) Teaching or consultation	①	②	③
(4) Food preparation or relief collection for charity	①	②	③
(5) Other (event planning and organization, office work, providing information for groups and assembly, etc.)	①	②	③

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

16. How satisfied are you with your school?

- ① very unsatisfied      ② unsatisfied      ③ average

④ satisfied

⑤ very satisfied

17. 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

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

Classification	never	1-2	3-4	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

19. 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 concern social relationships. Please check (√) the appropriate items.**

20. 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

21. 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.; ethnic Koreans in the post-Soviet states, 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

22. Please read the following questions and check (✓) the appropriate items.

22-1) Overall, do you think foreign immigrants living in Korea have a positive influence on our country's economy?

[illegible]

22-2) Do you think foreign immigrants living in Korea have a positive influence on our country's culture?

[illegible]

22-3) Do you think foreign immigrants living in Korea make our country a better place to live?

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[illegible]

23. 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

24. When an opportunity arises, do you think others try to use you or treat you fairly? Please check (✓) the appropriate item.

[illegible]

25. How much interest do you have in politics?

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

26. To what degree do you trust people who work in the following public organizations?

[illegible]

(3) Police agency (policemen)												
(4) Political parties (politicians, members of a party, etc.)												
(5) The United Nations (UN)												

27. Please check (√) the appropriate items.

Item	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
(1) When making an important decision in a group, it is better for a couple of people to act promptly rather than for the group to engage in a discussion.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(2) It is fine if a society is not democratic, as long as everyone lives happily.	①	②	③	④	⑤

28. The following statements concern principles of national democracy. Please indicate as to whether each of the statements is true or false.

Classification	False	True
(1) The law recognizes only the religion that is followed by the majority of people.	①	②
(2) People have a right to talk about the government's mistakes.	①	②
(3) Only adults who pay taxes are allowed to vote.	①	②
(4) Adults with voting power have the right to vote for new laws made	①	②



by a legislative body.		
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29. In your opinion, what is **the main reason** that democratic countries have more than one political party?

- ① To reflect various opinions of the people
- ② To prevent political corruption
- ③ To prevent demonstrations or protests
- ④ To develop the country's industry through competition

30. When do you think the government is **most un-democratic**?

- ① When people are not allowed to criticize the government
- ② When political parties always criticize each other
- ③ When people have to pay significant amounts of taxes
- ④ When citizens do not have the right to choose their own careers

31. How satisfied do you feel with your life? Please check (✓) the appropriate item.

Very unsatisfied	◀ = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = ▶											Very satisfied	I don't know
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		

32. How happy do you feel when you are around other people? Please check (✓) the appropriate item.

Very unhappy	◀ = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = ▶											Very happy	I don't know
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		

33. How often do you meet and talk with your relatives?

- 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

34. Do you have someone to confide in?

- ① No   ② Yes

35. Compared to others your age, how often do you participate in meetings or activities?

- ① far less                  ② less
- ③ same                    ④ more
- ⑤ far more                ⑥ I don't know

36. Please read the following passage and answer the questions.

Recently Cheolsu was released from prison, after breaking into someone's home and stealing. He was in jail for three years. After being freed from prison, he moved next door to Yeonghee. Yeonghee said, "I don't want Cheolsu to move next door to me because I am afraid that he will steal from me."

36-1) What is **the most appropriate reason** for Cheolsu to be allowed to move next door to Yeonghee?

- ① Cheolsu served his time in prison, so he deserves to live where he wants.
- ② There is no possibility that Cheolsu will steal from his neighbor.
- ③ If neighbors around him treat him well, Cheolsu can be a good person.
- ④ Cheolsu can learn from Yeonghee about how to live appropriately in society.

36-2) What should Yeonghee understand for Cheolsu to be allowed to live next door?

- ① Yeonghee needs to understand that Cheolsu's right is more important than her own.
- ② Yeonghee needs to understand that Cheolsu's right is as important as her own.
- ③ Yeonghee needs to understand that she and Cheolsu's rights are less important than those of others.

	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	
He reacted personally								He reacted formally
bad								good
inhumane								humane

unreasonable								reasonable
unkind								kind
unfair								fair
not generous								generous
He reacted without principle								He reacted with principle

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

38. 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 gathering information	①	②	③	④
(7) Playing computer games (except Internet games)	①	②	③	④

39. 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 on-line 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
(6) Playing online games (including game-related data downloading)	①	②	③	④
(7) Watching movies, video clips or, downloading (including watching TV)	①	②	③	④
(8) Reading newspapers, magazines, e-books, or downloading	①	②	③	④
(9) Searching information on the Internet for class assignments or reports	①	②	③	④
(10) General information (excluding search for learning and assignments)	①	②	③	④
(11) Club activities (including online-café or community)	①	②	③	④
(12) Running a personal homepage, blog, or mini-homepage	①	②	③	④
(13) Software downloading or upgrading	①	②	③	④

40. What website do you use that you feel is **the least appropriate**?

- ① Weather: the National Weather Service website
- ② Learning site: edunet site
- ③ IT information: electronic newspaper sites
- ④ Community news: travel agency websites
- ⑤ Entertainment news: portal sites

41. When researching for an assignment about “the issues and impacts of violent broadcast on television”, what are the most effective keywords to search?

- ① TV, violence, issues
- ② broadcasting, violence, impact

- ③ TV, broadcasting, impact
- ④ the issues of violence
- ⑤ the impacts of TV

42. Yeonghee is planning to travel to Gyeongju with her family next month. What are the most appropriate keywords (search words) for her to **type in** when searching for sites on the cultural assets of Gyeongju?

- ① Gyeongju or cultural assets
- ② Gyeongju not cultural assets
- ③ Gyeongju nor cultural assets
- ④ Gyeongju and cultural assets
- ⑤ Cultural assets near Gyeongju

43. While surfing the Internet, Cheolsu came across a site that provides information that he finds very useful. What do you think is **the most reasonable way** for Chelsou to use this site again?

- ① He can search the site whenever he needs.
- ② He can bookmark the site by adding or creating a folder in the “My Favorite” toolbar.
- ③ He can record it.
- ④ He can memorize the address of the website.
- ⑤ He can create another file and save it.

44. Not long ago, Hyeongseok had a bad experience when someone “stole” and used his ID and password without his permission. Then the thieves posted obscene images on the notice board of Hyeongseok’s online club. What do you think is **the most inappropriate way** to manage your ID and password to prevent such cases from happening again?

- ① Change passwords frequently.
- ② Do not tell your ID and password to anyone.
- ③ Do not use numbers that can easily be identified, such as your birthday or phone number when creating an ID or a password.
- ④ Do not sign up for membership on suspicious sites.
- ⑤ Have all the same IDs and passwords for several sites to effectively manage them.

45. This section concerns the use of computers and the Internet. Please check (✓) the appropriate items.

Classification	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
(1) I have sufficient computer skills and make the most of them.	①	②	③	④
(2) I can install computer programs and upgrade easily.	①	②	③	④
(3) The computer and Internet help me do a great deal of work in a short amount of time.	①	②	③	④
(4) The computer and Internet help me gain useful information easily.	①	②	③	④
(5) The computer and Internet help me develop my learning ability and skills.	①	②	③	④
(6) The computer and Internet help me have conversations with other people.	①	②	③	④
(7) The computer and Internet help me achieve my dreams for the future.	①	②	③	④

**V. Please read the following questions and check (✓) the ones that most closely reflect your opinion.**

46. This section concerns social changes in Korea. Please check (✓) the appropriate items.

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|--|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1) Aging population is                     | increasing | decreasing | I don't know |
| 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 |

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

The birthrate in Korea is decreasing. ➡ ? ➡ 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.

48. This table acknowledges the advantages and disadvantages of different ways to purchase music albums. Please read the table below and answer the following questions.

Ways of buying albums	Advantages	Disadvantages
Buying the original albums offline or online.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality is guaranteed.</li> <li>• If there is a problem, it will be compensated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is expensive.</li> <li>• It is difficult to buy only the songs I want.</li> <li>• It takes too long and is inconvenient.</li> </ul>
Illegal downloading through file-sharing sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It can save cost.</li> <li>• It is possible to buy it quickly.</li> </ul>	(1)

48-1) Please check (✓) all the items you feel should be included in (1).

- ① It has poor sound quality or can be infected with a virus
- ② I feel guilty
- ③ It will decrease the number of singers who create good music
- ④ It is expensive
- ⑤ It takes too long to obtain them and is inconvenient
- ⑥ It will affect the song album industry
- ⑦ I can be sued or punished for it

48-2) Please check (✓) the most appropriate item.

Downloading songs without buying them ➡  ➡ The number of good songs is decreasing.

- ① The sales volume is decreasing. ② The number of people who share files is increasing.
- ③ Technology for the prevention of illegal copies will be developed. ④ Legal punishment against illegal copying will be heavier.



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

49 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

50. 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
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51. 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 set out to do.	①	②	③	④	⑤
(12) I evaluate the results of my works and learn from them when I make my next plan.	①	②	③	④	⑤

52. Please read the following items and check (√) the items that most closely reflect 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. ☆